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TODAY'S NEWS

Tourists killed in Egypt

Ten tourists, including six Germans, were murdered and at least another nine people were injured when Islamic extremists attacked their bus in the middle of Cairo. Gunmen wearing business suits approached the bus outside the Egyptian Museum and began to machine-gun it, while one hurled bombs. As passengers ran from the bus, with their clothes on fire, a shoot-out began with the police. On page 14, we report on the massacre and assess how dangerous Egypt has now become for foreigners.

Hindley art splashed

Marcus Harvey's painting of the child-killer Myra infielder, made with the cast of a child's handprint, has proved too sensational for its own good. In separate attacks at the Royal Academy yesterday, it was splashed with red and blue ink and had an egg flung

Outside the RA's "Sensation" show in central London, the mother of a boy who was abducted by Hindley and her partner fan Brady, and never found, was among the protesters urging visitors to boycott the show. Full story, page H

Amin on camera

Twenty-five years after the arrival of the first Ugandan Asians In Britain, fleeing the murderous regime of ldi Amin, we hear the stories of some of those who came here and prospered. But what of the old

Today, we publish the first picture for: 15 years of the former dictator, taken in his white-washed villa in ledda, Saudi Arabia, where he is spending his days in exite Page 5

Tackling car addiction

After a Royal Commission report on pollution demanded an attack on the "macho car culture" by politicians, the Government has promised to respond. This could mean a doubling of petrol prices, higher road taxes and a crackdown on off-road vehides. But will Labour really try to wean us off our cars? Page 3



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Giving it some hwyl: Wales awaits her destiny



Light of democracy: A candle-lit vigil held on Wednesday night, by members of the Welsh 'Yes' campaign, outside the Owain Glyndwr parliament building, in Machynlleth, mid-Wales. Turnout in yesterday's devolution referendum was low but the Yes' camp remained confident that the principality would choose to establish an assembly in Cardiff, following Scotland's double 'Yes' to a tax-raising Parliament in Edinburgh. Report, page 6

Labour dithers over computer catastrophe

The Government was warned yesterday that 6 million jobs could be at risk if it does not stop dithering and act quickly to defuse the Year 2000 computer timebomb.

Britain faces a human, business and technical disaster which can hardly be over-estimated. Time is running out. Yet bardly anything is being done, Anthony Bevins, Political Editor,

tere reduced to "dribs and drafts are reduced to "onos and drafts" ministras are passing the breick, and the task of warning beliness about the threat posed mass computer breakat the turn of the centuas has been delegated to one man and his cat".

. Taskforce 2000 - "ensuring business continuity at the millennium" - might sound grand. Established at the instigation of the Conservative Government, it is co-sponsored by the CBI and the Computer Services and Software Association. But Robin Guenier, execu-

tive director of Taskforce 2000, vesterday blew the lid off a saga of bungling Whitehall complacency in an attempt to joit the Government, business and the The former chief executive

of the Government's own Central Computer and Telecoma British company with an anmications Agency, said: "I hat if can be done, if senior pisters get a grip and put it

on an emergency footing." Mr Guenier, who works from his home, a cottage next to a pub car park near Wheathamstead, Hertfordshire, is so starved of funds that he has not even had a secretary for the last year. His first sec-retary arrives on Monday. He described his operation as one

man and his cat". He has the help of one civil servant, seconded from DTI and two women who answer telephones from a "virtual office" in London. In July, hesubmitted a modest business plan to John Battle, the indusny minister, begging for another £450,000. Eight weeks later, he has heard on the "grapevine". that he has been allocated another £100,000.

There has been no research into the scale of the problem, and there is not one penny available for advertising.

Because many computers are not geared to cope with a year ending in two zeros -2000 - some of them will think they have gone back to 1900 at the end of 1999. Melidown could force business to a grinding halt. The doomsday scesupermarket shelves, aircraft

grounded, international markets closing down, and hospitals being starved of vital medical supplies. Mr Guenier said some Americans described it as the modern equivalent of the Black Death. The chief executive of



One man and his cat: Robin Guenier

problem for two years already. "And still they're not confident of completing everything on

"I am not a doomsayer. I believe this is resolvable with political will, and the attention of senior people. But if you look at this over the next two years, it is as important as Aids, global warming and BSE combined. This is going to be devastating

if we get it wrong."

John Redwood, the shadow spokesman, last night preed Tony Blair to take control of his includes empty own ministers, saying: "The Government shows no sense of urgency and offers no leadership to business.

Whitehall insiders said that Labour ministers have wasted time since coming to power. Margaret Beckett, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, took a keen interest before the election. After the election, she passed it on to Mr Battle, nual numover of £35bn told him. they had been working on the who has responsibility for

telecommunications. He has now passed it on to Barbara Roche, a junior minister responsible for small business. She saw Mr Guenier for the

first time on Monday. A year after Taskforce 2000 was set up the Government has contributed £250,000, although it has pledged up to £400m for the Millennium Dome.

At Monday's meeting with Mrs Roche, Mr Guenier spelled out the threat in cold, hard figures. On the most optimistic assumptions, he said that any large- or mediumsized business which had not made an adequate start on ensuring that its computer systems were ready for the change of century by the end of the current financial year, next April, risked business failure.

The indications are that only about 20 per cent of large inesses and 10 per cent of medium size business have made such a start," he told the minister, "That means that about 40,000 husinesses with about 6 million employees have not. The possible failure of so many businesses represents an unprecedented threat to the economy."

Mr Guenier said: "I can find no one who understands the problem who doubts this. This is extraordinarily worrying - almost beyond belief. But no one seems to want to listen."

Asked how Mrs Roche had responded, Mr Guenier said. "I just left a very unhappy lady. I got no response. It's all woolly; I get no feel that anybody be-



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Chelsea waves goodbye to the White House

And then there were three: Bill, Hillary and Socks. her daughter's privacy. In a syndicated newspaper ford University in California.

It is a ritual that has been playing out across the land. Fathers and mothers getting in their cars to deliver their suddenly grown-up children to universities in unfamiliar towns and unfamiliar states.

"The first thing I did this morning," the President confided to White House reporters, "was ... ine having any of those private experiences make sure we had all the right things". But this interrupted by the bright lights of cameras". kid's belongings were piled not into the back of jet - Air Force One. And, for the President's daughter, the wrench of leaving home may be a little more daunting than for some of her peers.

Uotil now, the Washington press has more or less let Chelsea be. But Hillary, especially, fears for

Chelsea Clinton, the First Daughter, left the White column yesterday, the First Lady said that attending House yesterday to begin her student career at Stan- the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, and seeing the two princes left behind, had made her worry more about her daughter. The First Lady also remembered some of her own undergraduate epiphamies, including, "the long walks through city streets or across campus that ended in a tender inoment with a handsome new boylitiend. I can't imag-

But for Chelsea, who chose a place of learn the family Ford but into the belly of a 747 jumbo ing about as far from Washington as is possible without actually leaving the contiguous states; the anticipated liberation may not be all that she espects. Those beefy men in T-shirts trailing ber him the domittory huilding? Secret Service against David Cabonies New York

Cantona takes a flying leap into French fantasy

In ooe of the rare interviews he has given since his retirement, the footballer turned actor said he was "enormously moved" by Diana's death. Cantona, 31, was then asked by the French cinema , the interview made up like a . magazine, Première, to give a series of instant responses to simple questions.

If he could come back as a Rassam, has predicted that Can-

If he could come back as a flower, he said he would like to tona will become "the new star be a marguerite; if he came back of the French cinema". as a tree, he would like to be a

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If Eric Cantona could come back as a woman, he would like to be Diana, Princess of Wales, in heaven.

pine tree in summer, with cicallastin its branches. Asked what woman he would like to be, Cantona replied, I would be Lady Di, where she is today."

The former king of Manchester, described by the magazine as "the youngest retired person in France", was photographed for Maori, with half his face covered

Author called to account by building society

A huilding-society investor who wrote a guide on wrote to Mr Massey, saying the society planned to

--- David Lichtield, Paris



HEALTH

Paying a patient to take the pills

Paying patients to take their pills may be an effective way of ensuring that they complete the course and keep hospital appointments. Many patients stop aking drugs as soon as they feel better but before the cause of their illness is eradicated. This increases costs by wasting drugs and makes the illness more difficult and more expensive to treat in the future.

Kidney patients who stop taking anti-rejection drugs may need a new transplant, and sufferers from tuberculosis prescribed a cocktail of antibintics for several months may continue to spread the disease if they stop taking them early.

In ten of eleven trials in the United States, in which financial incentives were offered, patients receiving them stuck to their treatment better, according to a study in the British Medical Journal.

FARMING

Battery-hen misery 'unnecessary'

The misery and quiety of factory farming could be ended if consumers were to spend just a few extra pence a week, a report said yesterday.

In was a myticinal battery hens were vital to keep down the price of eggs according to the report, unveiled by Compassion in World Farming (CFWF). The economics of factory farming showed that a free range eggcost just a little over 1p more to produce than a battery egg, said the campaign group. The same was true for pork and bacon, which was just as cheap to produce as meat from factory farmed pigs, it said. Moving aways from factory farming to free range production would also create more jobs. in the poultry industry, the report said. Pete Stevenson, CIWF political and legal director, said: "For a cost to each of us of less than 3p per week." we could free millions of hens and pigs from a lifetime of misery."

Butterflies fly in on wings of a storm



Fundreds of thousands of small tortoiseshell butterflies (above) have finite into Britain from Europe over the past two weeks after being caught up in storms off the French and Spanish coasts.

The insects, whose caterpillars feed on nettles, have been arriving in huge numbers across England's eastern coastline to boost the resident population of small tortoiseshells. On one kilometre-long stretch of coastline observers estimated that 40 were flying in every minute. It is thought that the mass movement began when storms in the Bay of Biscay, hundreds of miles to the south, at the end of August, blasted the butterflies north. Another common species, the small white, has also been seen in larger oumbers. The small tortoiseshell, often seen in gardens, will soon go into hibernation. If you find one in your home, putting it in a cool, sheltered place like a garage gives it the best chance of surviving the winter. . - Nicholas Schoon

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Hidden dangers of salt

Cutting down on the amount of salt in the diet could save thousands of lives from strokes, scientists say. A study of 47 elderly people whose salt intake was halved showed a marked reduction in blood pressure which is one of the main risk factors for stroke.

The study, published in The Lances, suggests that if all elderly people reduced their salt intake at least 34,000 lives a year would be saved. However, Professor Graham MacGregor and his colleagues at St George's Hospital, London, say that 80 per cent of salt in the diet is hidden in processed food and manufacturers are not doing ennugh to reduce it. Salt is the cheapest flavour enhancer, and allows more water to be added to processed meats, increasing their weight at no cost, and it is the main determinant of thirst in temperate climates, which is important to the soft drinks industry.

by Chris Priestley

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close his saver account on 31 October, adding that

unless Mr Massey had any other account or mort-

gage with it, then his membership would cease on

that date. "Please do not ask to open any further ac-

counts with the society as our staff have been instructed

to decline any such requests," said Mr Williams, who

lieved he had been unfairly treated, and intend-

ed to establish that the society was within its rights.

Mr Massey, from Plymonth, Devon, said he be-

did not disclose any reason for the move.







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Jou Massey's account was terminated by the Bri-

tannia Building Society, which strongly believes that

building societies should not convert to banks, be-

cause be was campaigning against mutuality. In his

booklet, The Carpetbagger's Accomplice, he says that

anyone who did not want to earn a £1,500 wind-

fall from a £100 investment was a "complete idiot".

Stephen Williams, chief solicitor for Britannia,







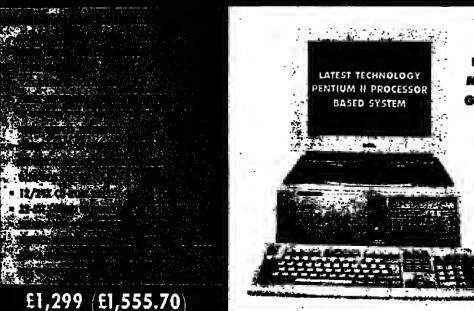








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We are a nation of car addicts. Dare the Blairites take us on?

The growth in car use goes on. Most of us could not imagine life without one. Randeep Ramesh, Transport Correspondent,

examines a report that puts the Government on the spot over its pledge to get people out of the driving seat.

It may be the end of the road gined, luxurious cars bought as "fashion accessories" were singled out as the unacceptable face of motoring yesterday by a leading group of academics.

A report by the Royal Commission on Environmental Protection noted that car worth 1.7 per cent of the UK manufacturers were busy pro-market and is a growth area. moting speed and size while a "shift in thinking" was required to get people to use more fuelfriendly, smaller cars.

Such sentiment may provide a humpy ride for the politicians. Ministers have often sought to bolster their green credentials by talking about reducing car use, but rarely do they produce any measures to cut pollution.

Tony Blair made a clean environment a key part of New Labour's New Britain - but as yet his administration has yet to tackle traffic growth for fear of upsetting the middle classes.

The commissioners think that industry also has a part to olay. Richard Macrory, a leading member of the commission. said that the manufacturers needed to quicken the pace of change. "With existing technology manufacturers could increase the efficiency of cars by 40 per cent in less than a decade," he said.

But, said the report, consumer demand for extras such as sun-roofs and air conditioning - coupled with the fact that customers have "moved upmarket to bigger cars with larger engines" - has offset much of improvement in engine efficiency. "Increased sales of four-wheel drive vehicles and 'multi-purpose vehicles' means that it is unlikely that any benefits will be seen."

The news was not all bad for

the motor manufacturers. The report praised Ford for its Ka, Daihatsu for launching its supermini, the Move, as well as Mercedes bold new "Smart" car - a two seater one litre car aimed at the urban driver,

However, motoring organisations said the scientists had missed the point, "Research has shown that 10 per cent of cars contribute to 50 per cent of the pollution in the air," said Edmund King, of the RAC.

Ford pointed out that the for the gas guzzler. Large-en- best-selling Galaxy, given almost iconic status by Tony Blair, carries twice as many people as a small car. The 1.3 litre Ka delivers more than 42 miles a gallon, whereas the 2.3 litre Galaxy turns in a respectable 28. mpg. The MPV market is now

> Sir Geoffrey Allen, a member of the commission, said: "It needs a change in consumer thinking. Buyers need to understand the environmental

impact." This is the second report on the subject by the Royal Commission into transport and pol-Intion - an unprecedented move brought about by the last government's inaction. Despite prescribing radical proposals to curb car use in 1994, nothing has been done. Road traffic is growing again and cycling and walking are in decline.

Professor Michael Marmot, an expert in public health and a member of the commission, said that if nothing was done there would be "a continued increase in obesity".

Among the proposals, the scientists call for a doubling of petrol prices by 2005, a new lorry permit to encourage hariliers to switch to rail and a plethora of road pricing mechanisms and parking permits.

John Prescott, Deputy Prime Minister responsible for transport and the environment, told Radio 4's Today programme he could not commit the Government to increasing petrol prices. "But give me by spring to give you the framework of achieving the policy and I think the people of this country will see a radical change of direction," he said.



THE GALAXY DRIVER

Tony Blair, the 44-year-old Prime Minkster and his family use a Ford

The car is part of the Downing Street fleet. "Clearly that type of car is quite useful for carrying a number of people around rather than having two cars.

"Because the Galaxy has folding

pack it with eight people in extremis," a spokesman said.

"If they want to travel as a family, with three growing children it is convenient. They wouldn't all fit into the prime ministerial car [a Daimler]."

Despite its size, Downing Screet claims it has endeavoured to make the vehicle environmentally friendly. seats at the back you can actually it was sent away in August to be con- should continue to convert."

verted to run on gas, which is arguably greener than petrol although organisations including Friends of the

Earth have expressed reservations. "We did a pilot previously when John Major was Prime Minister, when a Range Rover was converted to run on gas. As a result of our experience with that, we felt we



THE MERCEDES DRIVER

Michael Williams, a 49-year-old newspaper executive, drives a Mercedes C-class five miles to work daily. "I work long, irregular hours in a stressful job and I regard it as a comfortable and rela-

tively stress-free way of getting to work," he says. "The alternative is to take the Northern [tube] line and the Docklands Light Railway which are probably the most erratic in London. The only thing that would entice me off the road would be much more reliable and comfortable public transport." He admits he likes cars. ") regard the car as an extension of my living room in that I have privacy and I can listen to the news on the radio in peace. My car makes a major contribution to the quality of my life. Unlike most other things in my working day, my car is 100 per cent reliable."



THE RANGE-ROVER DRIVER

Karen O'Connor, 29, a hospital derical officer, was driving the family Range Rover to Sainsbury's in north London yesterday.

"It's my husband who really wanted one. He likes Range Rovers for the comfort though he doesn't like the amount of money it costs to fill it up," she says.

They bought the Range Rover eight months ago and Patrick, 31, an administrator and driver, uses it for work. Mrs O'Connor, who has a three-year-old son, said she rarely drives it. She thought they would definitely sell it if taxes penalised big

cars or petrol went up in an environmental crackdown. "The only reason we would think about getting rid of it is because of how much it costs," she says.

Prescott steers difficult course ...

John Prescott wants you to use your car less. The only problem is that some of his party do not agree. Randeep Ramesh and Colin Brown report.

The man tasked with ending the public's love affair with the car is well-known for his love of large and powerful Jaguars as well as a record of speeding offences.

For a government concerned as much about symbolism as substance, is it long before the new Labour spinners ask John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, whether he needs to change his car - or

Not that this will bother John Prescott. He has little time for the "beautiful people" who run new Labour. They may have wooed the middle-class with two kids, private school fees and two cars - one sleek 2 litre saloon and a people carrier - but that is not Mr Prescott's problem.

The Deputy Prime Minister would like the public to get out of their cars and into the buses and onto the trains. And he wants it done quickly. How he does this without losing the precious support of millions of middle-class Labour voters is his

He could implement a series of swingeing taxes on parking; he might introduce road charges; he could double petrol prices - a proposal contained in the Royal Commission report released yesterday.

Then he could funnel the money raised into greener alternatives like improving the London Underground system or the revitalising the ailing bus network.

But many oppose him and these seemingly sensible measures. What is worst is most of his critics are in his own party. His arch-rival Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, is known to be unhappy with any new

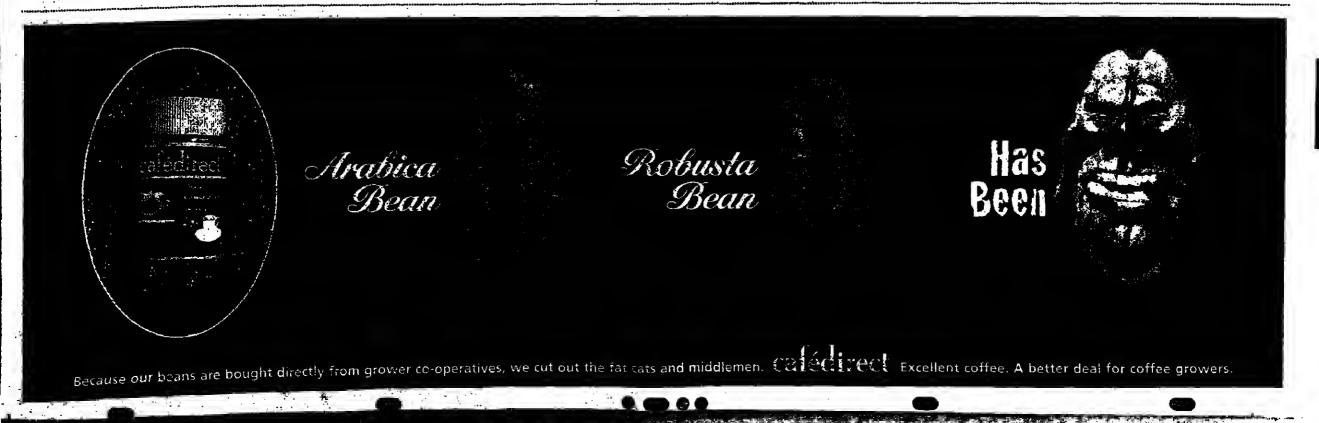
Mr Brown, also, does not want the to lose control over any revenue collected especially by handing it to Mr Prescott and his newly-created Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions.

Without these measures, experts say it is impossible to see how Labour can make good on its promises to cut carbon dioxide levels and ease global warming.

The Tories also scent bad blood between the Labour brethren. John Redwood last night said a "turf war" between Mr Prescott and Margaret Beckett, the President of the Board of Trade, was exacerbating a dilemma for the Government over its commitment to environmentally-friend-

"I believe there is a Whitehall row between Prescott and Mrs Beckett. It has started a turf war over the number of territorial claims that the Deputy Prime Minister is making over the DTI and it is going to be the cause of continuing tension between them," Mr Redwood said.

Mr Redwood, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, wrote to Mrs Beckett challenging her over whether she supported curbs on vehicle use, or backed the car industry. "They are facing hard choices, and they cannot have it both ways," he



Families of abuse victims threaten to boycott inquiry

Families of people abused while in the care of Buckinghamshire County Conneil are threateoing to boycott an independent inquiry, saying it is not going to address the right questions.

The families, all of whom had mentally disabled relatives at private residential care homes, run by Longcare Ltd, in Buckinghamshire, are also worried that they will never get to see the inquiry's full report. .

Buckinghamshire Couoty Council has promised they will be published. But the families fear that the authority's insurers will raise objections, as happened with an abuse investigation in Clwyd. North Wales. At a meeting this week, they decided

they would seek further reassurances before handing over documents they have gathered as background in the case. Three staff were convicted earlier this

year of ill-treating and neglecting residents. Gordon Rowe, who set up the homes, killed himself the day before he would have been charged with offences including raping res-

The families believe Buckinghamshire, which registered Gordon Rowe as a homeowner, should have done more to detect the abuse earlier. But the inquiry's terms of reference do not include any investigation of the decision to register him.

At least 35 former resideots are preparing to sue the council and 10 have already received legal aid certificates. June Rayhand, whose niece was a resident, said they should consider reserving their information to pursue the civil legal action.

Buckinghamshire has denied liability. - Louise Jury

Dixons

Passport rules force clerks to camp out

Representatives of some of the world's largest companies are sleeping out on the pavement to ensure that urgent passport problems are dealt with. The Home Office's refusal to improve the service at its personal inquiry office is petty officialdom gone mad, say its critics.

Patricia Wynn Davies, Legal Affairs Editor, reports.

Ludicrous scenes of solicitors' clerks and motorcycle messengers bedding down in sleeping bags outside the Immigration and Nationality Department at Lunar House, Croydon, south London (pictured), have followed the introductino of a new rule limiting representatives and courier applications to one per person.

A daily stop oumber system has also been iotroduced under which, depending on staff available, individual callers beyond a certaio number will not have their applications considered on the day they queue up.

The inquiries might seem routine - for a typical foreign businessman or individual it might involve having a passport endorsed with the terms of their stay or to record a work permit extension - but speedy action is often urgeotly oeeded to facilitate trips from and returns to the UK.

Julia Ooslow-Cole, a partner in Cameron McKenna, which is ranked as the leading business immigration firm by the Legal 500 directory, said her firm's outdoor clerk was now forced to begin queu-

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ing from 1am or even earlier outside the Immigration and Nationality Department's Lunar House building in Croydon, south London to ensure urgent matters were dealt with oo behalf of clieots.

The problem has become so acute that representatives of multinationals such as Toyota and the investment bankers Merrill Lynch and Goldman Sachs have been obliged to camp out in sleeping bags to ensure that the passports of businessmen and womeo are in order.

The Home Office said yesterday that there had been a large increase in applications over the last 12 months and insisted that the public inquiry office was intended for personal applicants making single

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applications. But Ms Onslow-Cole, chairman of the International Bar Association Migratioo and Nationality Committee, said: "This situation is intolerable for business and individuals alike. It is hudicrous to suggest that a senior executive of a large corporation bringing jobs and investment to the UK should personally queue up on the pavement at Lunar House."

Hilary Belchak, secretary of the Immigration Law Practitioners Association and partner in another leading business immigration firm, Simmons & Simmons, said: "We think the present situation is intolerable. We call for urgent talks with the Home Office to sort out a more effective and fair arrangement for all concerned."

Man charged with murder of teenager

A man was yesterday charged with the murder of Rachel Barraclough, the teenager found stabbed to death two weeks ago. The 46-year-old man, who is from Wakefield where Rachel's body was found on 6 September, will appear before magistrates

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The 18-year-old was last seen when she left her home in Bankfoot, Bradford, to meet frieods for a night out in Wakefield. Her body was found with stab wounds on wasteland the next night. Rachel lived with her parents, Malcolm, 54, and Hilary, 39.

Straw criticises probation staff

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, yesterday told probation officers not to side with criminals, in a speech which implied that public safety was not the first priority of some officers. His remarks were immediately rebutted by probatioo staff leaders.

The attack on the Probatico Service is seen as part of a strategy to toughen up commumity sentences and ensure they are not seen by the public as a soft option. With a rising prisoo population Mr Straw is expected to turn to community punishments.

In his first formal speech to probation staff he told a conference in Essex: There should be no question of your taking the side of the offender against the community. The probatioo service should not be following an agenda which is separate from that of the communities which you serve."

He added: "The Probatioo Service's priority is protecting the public. There can be no fodging of that."

Diana 'crash photo' on Net

A picture claiming to show Diana, Princess of Wales trapped in the wreckage of the car in which she was fatally injured was placed on the Internet yesterday.

The photograph is one of a series of the late Princess put together by a group called Rotteo who collect disturbing images for publication on the Internet. The dark, indistinct image headlined "Purported Accident Photo" - appears to show a blonde woman with blood on her face at the centre of a heap of metal.

There are people with fluorescent jackets as worn by rescue crews at the edge of the picture but little else is visible.

Farmers go to EU in bid to end beef ban

UK farmers' leaders were EU's Scientific Veterinary tonight meeting the European Agriculture Commissiooer, Franz Fischler, in Brussels in a further bid to ease the EU's worldwide ban oo British beef exports,

National Farmers' Union president Sir David Naish and director general Richard Macdonald were seeking Mr Fischler's support for a lifting of the ban on meat from cattle

born after a certain date... The meeting follows yesterday's "opinion" from the

Committee that a partial lifting of the ban could be possible where a compoterised tracing system and database existed. At present, that would ap-

ply only to Northern Ireland, and the proposal has got a lukewarm response from farmers elsewhere. However, the committee also noted and welcomed the fact that the UK was preparing a separate proposal

on animals of a certain age. Sir David, who met the agri-

ningham, in London this morning, said: "I particularly welcome the committee's reference to meat from cattle born after a certain date, which we think should be 1 August 1996.

"There is still a lot of hard work to be done and we are anxious to avoid any measures which would result in a piecemeal lifting of the ban when we really want to see an objective set of criteria which would eventually lead to the whole of the UK being freed from this cuffure minister, Jack Cun- unjustified imposition."

Pensioner who damaged bell-ropes walks free

A pensioner who silenced the bells of ber village church by cotting the bell-ropes was yester lay given a conditional discharge after she was found guilty of criminal damage.

Midge Mather (pictured), 65, claimed she broke into the church using a crowbar and sawed through the ropes to stop the noise aggravating her brother's heart condition.

But a magistrate at Chippenham Magistrates in Wiltshire refused to believe her claims that she was forced to break the law because the church authorities refused to listen to her complaints.

Stipendiary magistrate Dudlev Thomas handed the pensioner a conditional discharge after finding her guilty of causing criminal damage. He then ordered police of-

ficers to take Mrs Mather to the

cells for 10 minutes after a courtroom outburst in which she claimed she had had an unfair trial. When she appeared back in the dock. Mr Thomas told her: "The sentence has taken ac-

count of your extremely sad cir-"I am not unsympathetic to your circumstances. I hope the people of Compton Bassett will realise how stupid they have

been and hope they will try to see sense and start negotiating." After the case Mrs Mather said she planned to appeal to

the European Court of Human

And she added: "I would do it all again if it would save the life or the health of some-

During the two-day trial, magistrates beard how Mrs Mather smashed down the door of St Swithin's Church at Comptoo Bassett in Wiltshire with a crowbar before cutting the bell-ropes with a hacksaw. Mrs Mather claimed she

was forced into action after repeated requests to meet with the church authorities to discuss the bell ringing at the 12th-century church were ignored. She told the court she was

"living in fear" of the bell ringing and had been driven to contemplate suicide.

She also claimed the sound of bell ringing was making her brother, which whom she lived. John Rumming, 74, ill from

Mrs Mather, whose cottage is just 100 yards from the church, denied causing damage worth £1,852.25 wheo she broke into the church on 27 July

DAILY POEM

The Eagle (fragment)

by Alfred Lord Tennyson

He clasps the crag with crooked hands; Close to the sun in lonely lands, Ring'd with the azure world, he stands

The wrinkled sea beneath him crawls, He watches from his mountain walls. And like o thunderbolt he falls.

This week's poems come from the new Faber Book of Beasts: an anthology of "some of the best poems in English about the creatures who share our planet", edited by Paul Muldooo (Faber & Faber, £14.99).



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How Uganda's dispossessed became model citizens

Twenty-five years ago yesterday, the first Ugandan Asians expelled by Idi Amin flew into Stansted Airport. Nearly 30,000 found sanctuary

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bation stal thriving communities that have transformed the cultural and economic landscape. Kathy Marks reports on **Britain's biggest** immigrant success story.

> They stepped off the plane from Entebbe, penniless, be-wildered and frightened, clutching their British passports. In Uganda, they had heen part of a prosperous middle class. At a stroke, they lost all their possessions and were uprooted from a country they had lived in for geoerations.

Six weeks earlier, on 6 August, 1972, President Amin had ordered out Uganda's 60,000 ordered out Uganda's 60,000 Asians, giving them 90 days to leave. In a speech to troops at Tororo barracks, he accused them of sabotaging the econo-

my and failing to integrate. After prevaricating in the hope that Amin could be persuaded to recant, the British government, under Edward

Heath, agreed to accept 30,000 British passport holders. They were allowed to take only £50 out of Uganda.

In their adopted homeland, the Ugandan Asians encounkindness. Ordinary people opened up their homes, gave them jobs, taught them English. But these favoured children of the Empire also met with racism and hostility. Only a few years earlier, Enoch Powell's "rivers of blood" speech had stoked fears that Britain was be-

ing swamped by immigrants.
In Smithfield, London, meat porters marched in protest at Britain becoming a "dumping ground". In Leicester, newspaper advertisements advised the "settlers" to go elsewhere, declaring the city "full up".

In the event, Leicester was one of the places where Asians settled in numbers, together with Birmingham, Manchester and the London boroughs of Brent and Ealing.

Starting from scratch, they overcame racism and the cultural divide to set up corner shops that provided the springboard for their financial security. The shops have become part of the British landscape, and in some cases expanded into business empires. In Leicester, Ugandan Asians now employ 11 per cent of the population. With

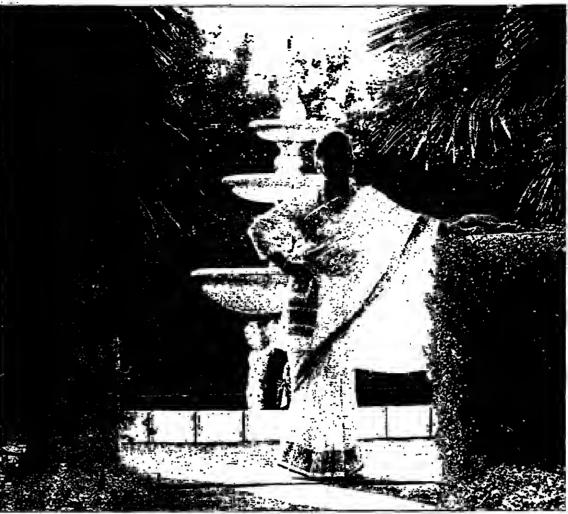
their entrepreneurial skills, work ethic and high regard for education, they are held up asmodel

For Yasmin Alibhai-Brown. the journalist and author, this tered acts of extraordinary is part of the myth-that has grown up around her people.
"Once we were pariabs; now we are paragons," she said. "I feel extremely prood of what we have achieved, but we were not hlameless victims.

"There is a reluctance to face the fact that we behaved appallingly towards black Africans in Uganda. It also concerns me that we have not used our economic power to gain access to positions of influence, in politics, for instance. doors remain closed to us."

But Ugandan Asianshave been successful in almost every other area of life. The second generation - the sons and daughters of the corner-shop owners - has spread its wings. going into computers, accountancy, law and medicine.

Twenty-five years on, their identity remains splintered. "We are basically gypsies," said John de Souza, who works for Manuhhai Madhvani, the industrialist. We still have a stroog attachment to both India and Africa as well as a lot of affection for Britain. We are a displaced, mixed-op sort of



Success story: Lata Patel arrived with nothing. Now she is a community leader

Expulsions were a blessing in disguise'

Lata Patel, who recently finished a term as mayor of Brent Council, was almost destitute when she arrived in Britain with her husband-to-be in October 1972. She was a 16-year-old schoolgirl when she left Uganda. "We came here with practically nothing," she said.

She got a job as an insurance clerk, but soon joined her husband at the Heron petrol station group. They now run their own petrol stations, and Mrs Patel has been a Brent councillor since 1986. "For me, the expulsions have been a blessing in disguise," she said.

The people extended a welcoming hand'

Manuhhai Madhvani, head of a family business conglomerate in Uganda, was imprisoned by Amin for three weeks in 1972. After the expulsions, he set up his own company in London, dealing in glass, property, technology and electron-

Mr Madhvani is now one of the richest Asians in Britain. He set up the British-Asian Uganda Trust earlier this year, to mark the 25th anniversary. "We came here full of anxiety," he said. "The people extended a welcoming hand, enabling us to make this country our home."

Idi Amin waits in the wings for his people's call

The Independent has obtained this picture, believed to be the first in almost 15 years, taken at Idi Amin's bolthole in Saudi Arabia.

His Excellency, self-styled Field Marshal and Life President of Uganda, the holder of the CBE (Conqueror of the British Empire) giveo to him. he says, by a grateful nation. waits the call to return once the "misunderstandiog" which led to to his overthrow is cleared up. The outside world may see his eight-year reign as setting a new low in the abuse of human rights, murderous injustice, and erand larceny of state treasury, but at his villa in the Red Sea port of Jeddah, Amin is convinced his people still love him.

He has been living there, courtesy of the Saudi government, since being airlifted out of Uganda with two wives and a dozen children by the Libyans in 1979. He has since

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been joined by some 20 more children, plus bangers on

Most of the money the former president is reported to have stolen from Uganda's coffers have gone, but the Saudi government gives him an allowance.

President Yoweri Musevini, in the meantime, has been

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campaigning to get Asians kicked out by Amin to return to Uganda and help regencrate the economy. He will be visiting a Hindu temple in Neasden, North London, on 23 October to meet some of those expelled and their British-born descendants.

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Wales goes to the wire in the final push for

Voting got off to a slow start yesterday as the day of reckoning dawned in Wales.

But with campaigners on both sides aware that nothing less than the political future of their country was at stake, there was everything left to play for.

Tony Heath toured the polling stations.

Campaigners fighting over the 30 per cent of undecided voters in Wales's devolution referendum pledged to fight right up to the wire last night.

With polls giving supporters of the Government's plans for a 60-member elected assembly a slim lead, the result seemed to hang on just how many of the 2,218,850 voters stayed at

home. Both camps conceded. that a turn-out of less than 50 per cent would damage the credibility of the winner.

The Secretary of State for Wales, Ronald Davies, and his wife, Christina, voted early at a caravan polling station in the car park of the Hollybush Inn at Drathen in his Caerphilly constituency. "This is D-Day, Devolution Day for the people of Wales," he said.

A light aircraft trailing a "Vote Yes - Support Blair" banner criss-crossed South Wales for much of the day. It had been chartered by an anonymous South Wales husinessman stirred by what he said were misleading claims in a television broadcast by anti-devolutionists.

The "Just Say No" campaign funded by millionaire Sir Julian Hodge from his tax haven in the Channel Isles detected a shift in its favour. Carys Pugh, veteran Labour Party activist and outspoken opponent of devolu-



Time for tea: Nell Roberts, the first to vote in Abercegir, takes refreshments for polling staff Photograph: Tom Pilston

tion remained confident: "We're having a last blast, leafletting in the streets of Cardiff and many other towns," she said.

At one of the more remote polling stations, a former monastery at Capel-y-Ffin in the mountains, half the 22 elec-

tors on the register had voted by late afternoon. Stanley Knill and his wife, Carol, bought the imposing white huilding 12 months ago. "The job of returning officer comes with the

house," Mr Knill explained. In the Twenties, Eric Gill

lived in the house and designed the famous Gill Sans Serif type face employed by the new-look Independent.

When Wales rejected devolution by four to one in 1979, rural districts bordering England showed least enthusiasm, while bastions of the Welsh language and culture in the north west took the opposite stance. A similar trend emerging in the current campaign suggested that Powys and Monmouthshire were among areas likely

to deliver a thumbs down.

More recruits for overstretched armed forces

George Robertson, the Defence Secretary. yesterday gave a clear signal that he will be recruiting more soldiers, sailors and airmen and women. Colin Brown, Chief Political Correspondent, reports.

The "severe overstretch" of the armed forces and the need to recruit will be one of the key elements of the Government's strategic defence review.

The Secretary of State for Defence said that Britain's increased operational commitments since the end of the Cold War had demonstrated that many areas of Britain's defences were suffering from severe overstretch - a charge denied in the past by Tory defence ministers

He said that undermanning which affected morale, would be tackled with recruitment drives for the army, navy and RAF.

The Army was already tackling undermanning of about would give priority to recruiting more men and women to fill gaps in the Royal Navy which had undermanning of 1,500 personnel and the RAF of around 3,000 personnel.

The strategic defence review could lead to cuts in Britain's commitments, and Mr Robertson hinted that the ending of the Cold War could lead to a slimmer, more mobile, rapid deployment force in the future.

However, there are few signs that the defence review will release substantial savings to be spent on other public services, which will dismay some Labour MPs, who are calling for more money to be spent on hospital beds than bombs. Mr Robertson said Britain would keep the Trident nuclear force. although it might reduce the number of warheads.

He also stressed that Britain would face more varied threats from terrorism and regional

"We need to retain a framework on which it would be possible to rebuild forces over the longer term to meet a greater threat than currently foreseen, should one begin to 5,000 personnel but he said he emerge," he said.

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Labour MP named in suicide note angers party by breaking silence before inquiry

A suspended Labour MP yesterday spoke for the first time of his 'eight weeks of hell' since being named in a suicide note by a fellow Labour backbencher. But Colin Brown thinks Tommy Graham may have only succeeded in making his position worse.

Tommy Graham, the Labour MP suspended for allegedly smearing a colleague who committed suicide, yesterday de-

clared he would clear his name. Mr Graham, who is still suspended from the party at Westminster, pending the out-

note left by Gordon McMaster, the Labour MP for Paisley

But Graham's attempt to cast himself as one of the victims of the tragedy threatened to backfire with the party in Scotland, which is still facing demands for a more far-reaching inquiry into alleged efforts to destabilise Mr McMaster before he committed suicide. Party sources said Graham had been "unwise" to speak out before the inquiry was over.

"People were trying to bad-mouthing me,"

Graham said. "It has been eight weeks of hell for me, my wife Joan and the boys Thomas and John."

Mr Graham had hoped he would be cleared before the party conference in a fortnight latest move by Mr Graham. "I know my enemies and he

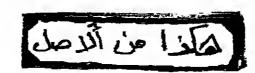
wasn't one of them. I had a fabulous relationship with him," Mr Graham said about Mr McMaster.

He was "stunned and shocked" at having been named in Mr McMaster's suicide note, together with Lord Doon, a former deputy chief whip. "I have always seen myself as a friend of Gordon and there was oobody more stunned and shocked on hearing about his death than I, and my family.

family. I know that if Gordon and I had had an opportunity to speak I am sure we would have resolved our difficulties."

Asked if he believed the inquiry's outcome would spell the end of his political career, Mr Graham said on BBC Radio Scotland: "I have absolutely no doubt that I will clear my name. And I am quite positive it is not the end of my political career."





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Homoeopathy isn't quack. It really works

Homoeopathy, the complementary therapy used by millions of people, is effective at treating illness despite appearing scientifically implausible, according to a 50-year survey of the best research. But it will take more than this to convince sceptical doctors, as Jeremy Laurance, Health Editor, reports.

The scientific world will be haffled by the findings of a major survey of the controversial therapy known as homoeopathy which shows that it is twoand-a-half times more effective at treating illness than placebo (a mock drug, like a sugar

Researchers in Germany and the United States analysed the results of 89 controlled trials of homoeopathy published in 13 countries since 1943. The homoeopathic remedies were used to treat everything from warts to strokes.

The findings, published in the Lancet medical journal, present a challenge to orthodox science.

Homoeopathy is based oo the belief that it is possible to cure diseases by giving patients substances which cause similar symptoms - such as fever - in healthy individuals. These remedies are said to retain their potency even when repeatedly diluted to the point where no molecules of the original substance remain. How the solution "remembers" information from the original

substance is unknown. Orthodox doctors sa runs counter to what is known about physics and chemistry, and would require the basic

laws of science to be rewritteo. Their argument has been that the claimed success of homoeopathic treatments can be ascribed to the placebo effect, a well-known phenomenon, in which people given a pharmacologically inactive substance, such as a sugar pill, report that their condition has improved, just because they think they are getting proper treatment. .

The oew survey, published in ooe of the world's most respected medical journals, is a hlow to that argument, although the researchers could find no convincing evidence that any single homoeopathic approach was effective for any single condition.

They say "a serious effort to research homoeopathy is clearly warranted, despite its implausibility.

The journal carries two sceptical commentaries, by Professor Michael Langman of the University of Birmingham aod Professor Jan Vandenbroucke of the University of Leiden, Netherlands.

Professor Langman questions the quality of the trials only 26 of the 89 are judged to be of high standard - and argues that the results may be skewed in favour of homoeopathy because those with positive results are more likely to published than those with negative results.

Of 100 trials of homoeopathy conducted, if 20 show a positive effect, of which 15 are published and 80 show no effect and five are published, a survey of the published trials will suggest positive trials outnumber negative by three to one. In fact, taking all 100 trioccative outnumber positive by four to one.



Antimalarial drug that gave minister sleepless nights

Government scientists are urging caution about the use of the antimalarial drug, Lariam, which has been linked with mental symptoms such as hallucinations. Baroness Jay tells Jeremy Lourance, Health Editor, about her experiences with the

A trip to Uganda three years ago brought home to Baroness

"I certainly did have a bad reaction and the more people I speak to the more seem to have had a problem with it. I started having extraordinary dreams and I found it very difficult to sleep. It is ooe of the convectional signs of a not very extreme reaction to the drug but I did not want to continue my travels like that," said Lady Jay, who will today issue the Government's new guidance on the drug.

The symptoms did not appear until after she, accompanied by her husband, Professor Michael Adler, the leading Aids specialist, on a tour of African countries, had arrived Jay the side effects of Lariam. in Uganda. Professor Adler Health Laboratory Service, fol-per cent effective.

called colleagues at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in London for advice and they recommended she switch to the less powerful combination of chloroquine and proguanil.

"That is what I had always takeo before and what I have taken since. But the danger is people may stop taking anything and then expose themselves to the risk."

Package tourists to Africa and similar destinations are being advised to choose an alternative to the anti-malarial Lariam because of the risk of side effects from the drug.

The changed advice from the Government's Public

lows growing concern about "neuro-psychiatric" symptoms linked with Lariam, which include convulsions, panic attacks, dizziness and insomnia.

A six-year-old girl died last year after taking the drug and hundreds of others claim to have suffered long term psychiatric effects and have formed an action group to seek compensation.

About 2,000 travellers from the UK develop malaria each year and between five and 10 die. Lariam, whose chemical name is mefloquine, is at least 90 per cent effective against the disease compared with chloroquine plus proguanil which is 70

The new guidelines, drawn up by the Malaria Reference Laboratory headed by Professor David Bradley of the Lon-

don School of Tropical Medicine and carried in the current issue of Communicable Disease Report, say that the risks of getting malaria have to be balanced against the risks of the drug. For people making a two-week visit to East Africa or the Gambia who take chloroquine and proguanil the risk of the disease is below one in 1,000

and Lariam is not justified. However, for people staying for longer periods, Lariam is still the drug of choice. It is also the only drug effective in parts of China and Indo-China.

How a bad hair day can end up in hospital

Customers having a shampoo in a hair saloo should heware the "beauty parlour syndrome". A hairwash may be soothing but there is a small risk it could end with o trip to the accideot and emergency department.

Doctors in Bath describe the case of a 42year-old womao who suffered a stroke after beoding her head back over a washhasin. As she left the hairdresser, her left foot begao to drag. By evening she could not use her left leg at all, and when she woke next morning she could not stand.

In hospital, examination showed the lining of one of the arteries in her neck had torn away and was blocking the flow of blood to her brain. This can happen without any cause io older people or those with arteriol disease, but the woman was healthy and all other tests were oormal.

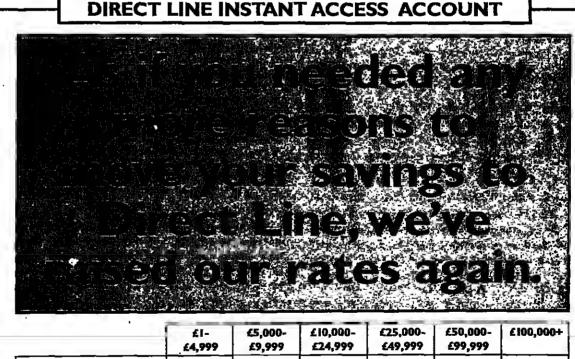
The woman recovered six months after her stroke, with only a little weakness in her left arm and hand. Dr David Bateman and colleagues, of the Royal United Hospital, Bath, writing in the Lancet, say that the damage was probably done wheo her head was bent back over the hairdresser's basin.

They warn that the position, adopted to keep soap out of the customer's eyes and to avoid smearing her mascara, is not without risk. "Hairdressers should he instructed not to overextend the neck and should use the cushioo usually provided," they



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Hackney pupils pay for politicians' failure

Hackney has set new standards of disorganisation and bureaucratic waste, Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, said yesterday. judith judd, Education Editor, looks at the reasons behind the Government's decision to send in a team to rescue the London borough's education system.

Childreo in Hackney are left roaming the streets because they have not been found school places. Yet there are empty places in schools.

The authority fails in its legal duty to monitor its most vulnerable children, those with special educational peeds.

Hackney is characterised by a failure of political will", where squabbling couocillors have let their own disagreements stand in the way of children's interests.

It has a bewildering array of policies and plans to improve schools but some of them contradict each other. In literacy there are five un-co-ordinated initiatives for raising standards.

It is an authority where "a significant oumber of services are in turmoil", whose organisation has been changed repeatedly and extensively.

While large numbers of pupils escape to schools outside the borough, at a cost of £1.5m, ooly 132 come in from



A pupil at St Mathias Primary School, Wordsworth Road, one of Hackney's few educational success stories

Photograph: Nicola Kurtz

In short, says the Office for cation bill this autumn, "I have Standards in Education report, the anthority is in disarray.

Stephen Byers, the school standards minister, said: "This is an education authority which is failing to meet its statutory responsibilities. As a result children are being put at risk."

Ministers will take powers to intervece directly in local education authorities in an edu-

no doubt," said Mr Byers, "that if we had the legal powers to intervene directly, those powers would have been exercised."

Instead, he invited Hackney to accept his offer of an improvement team to turn restad. the authority by next sommer.

The inspectors' report notes that the borough is one of the poorest places in Western

Europe, It has the highest proportion of pupils on free school meals in the country and, if the refugee population were to be replicated across the country,

the total would be 5 million. "But," Mr Woodhead said, "in these circumstances, disorganisation, absence of strategy, waste and inefficiency are all

"For some Hackney chil-

dren, school is the one chance of an escape to a better life." Tony Elliston, Hackney's chief executive, said the counall welcomed the Ofsted report

and improvement team plans. "The education offered to Hackney children is inadequate. An unaccentable oumber of our schools is failing."

Three of the four parties on the council have said that they will work with the team. But one group in the ruling coalition said that it might oot. David Phillips, educatioo spokesman for Hackney New Labour, a body of councillors expelled from the Labour Party, warned that they might not co-operate fully with the team unless it worked with and not against the council's management structures.

Confessions of a disillusioned parent

For many Hackney parents, the revelations about the borough's education service have come as a relief - but not a shock - as Gabriel Thompson explains.

I can own up now. My wife and I have speot thousands of pounds privately educating my two step-daughters in posh schools where they rub shoulders with the privileged elite. And a government report has shown we did the right thing.

Our decision, six years ago, to get Katrina and Felicity out of the state system in Hackney was not hased on snobbery (if you want to show off, buy a Jaguar - it's cheaper than school fees). We were out trying to turn the girls into geniuses. We were not bothered about uniforms, formal lessons or deportment. We just wanted to be sure that they got a decent education - in safety.

At first, we thought we could get that in Hackney. My wife fought to get the girls into what was regarded as the best state primary in the area. For a couple of years, things seemed to be going well, theo the doubts began. When she

University leaders yesterday

warned the Government they

could do nothing to fulfil its

goals of wider access to high-

quality higher education without

Vice-chancellors meeting in

an injection of more than £120m

Glasgow laid down the chal-

lenge after it emerged ministers

plan to bring forward an an-

nouncement on university fund-

ing to within the next fortnight.

ditional sum of £120m, which

would reduce a cut in the high-

er education budget from 6.5 per

cent to I per cent, would be the

Anything less would damage

quality and jeopardise the long-

term future of the sector, ac-

cording to Professor Martin

Harris, chairman of the Com-

minee of Vice-Chancellors and

Principals.

minimum they would accept.

They made clear that an ad-

into the sector next year.

was eight, Katrina was asked by her mother if she "did tables" at school. The scornful reply was: "Mummy, I do maths, thing except colouring and they had decided they could af- the borough. If all else failed, I am glad the report shows that all children deserve.

swearing.
As for their safety at secondary school ... I would rather take my chances at closing time in the worst pub in Glasgow than walk past some of our local schools when the pupils But maybe we were being

hasty. We approached a prep school in Highgate, north Loodon, and had the girls spend a day there. The prep school's verdict was that both girls were bright, but were, for example, two years behind their contemporaries in mathematics. The girls moved schools the oext week.

At first, our decision was not popular with friends and neighbours in Hackney. They could oot understand why we would pay for the right to spend 20 hours a week driving to school, when the local one was free and just a short walk away. I felt like I had admitted to drug addiction, rather than a desire for good education.

But gradually attitudes changed as people realised just how bad Hackney schools had

the improvements recom-

mended by the Dearing com-

mittee on higher education,

which reported last July. The

committee, which recom-

meoded the introduction of

tuition fees, said an increased

contribution from students

should be rewarded with high-

er-quality education, guaranteed standards and wider access

It remained unclear yester-

day whether an expected extra

sum for universities, likely to be

announced at the Labour Par-

ty conference, would match

the minimum laid down by

ister, Baroness Blackstone, ad-

dressing the CVCP residential

conference on Wednesday,

asked for patience as the Government finalised funding de-

tails but hinted at good news

The higher education min-

to universities.

vice-chancellors.

However, universities insist amid rumours of 20 extra up to £230m more is essential £100m being made available.

Universities plead

for more cash

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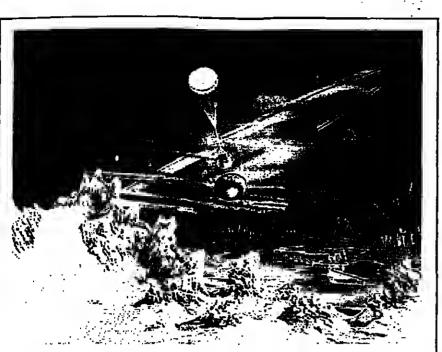
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Scientists dismiss atom risk from Saturn probe

The Cassini mission to the ringed planet Saturn is the first for 20 years. But will environmental opposition prevent it taking off on 13 October? What risks does the plutonium on board really pose? Charles Arthur, Science Editor, reports.

"I'm quite happy to be at the launch in Florida," said Paul Murdin of the British National Space Centre, "I think it's more far likely that I'll be killed in an aircraft accident or car crash on the way to Heathrow than by the spacecraft hlowing up." Mr Murdin was one of a team of British scientists who lined up yesterday to talk about their hopes, and well-controlled fears, for the launch of the £2.2bn Cassini spacecraft (artist's impression above) on 13 October.

Along with many other British scientists, he hopes to be at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida next month, to see off the spacecraft, which will carry precision equipment to investigate the magnetic field around the planet Saturn, and land on Titan, one of its moons. It will arrive in November 2004.

But after more than a decade of planning, the Cassini mission - the first to the ringed planet for more than 20 years, and assessment."

very possibly the last during our lifetimes - is threatened by environmental groups and some scientists.

They say that the 33 kilograms of plutonium which power the scientific instruments on the probe pose an unacceptable risk to Florida and the rest of the Earth. If the spacecraft blew up on its launch, they contend that the deadly radioactive metal would be dispersed over a huge area and, in time, lead to deaths from radiation poisoning. Raw plutonium is highly poisonous: one millionth of a gram is thought to be a lethal dose. The amount on Cassini is the largest ever sent on a space mission.

However, the US space agency, Nasa, points out that the plutonium is held in a ceramic matrix so that even in an explosion, it would not be spread widely, and would be easy to detect and collect. It is needed to heat and power instruments in deep space. Solar panels are still too inefficient to operate so far from the Sun.

The final permission to launch must come from the US President, Bill Clinton. But it seems increasingly likely that despite last-minute lobbying the mission will go

Mr Murdin said, "The risks posed are those that we have learnt to accept in modern life; it's like sitting in London and having 747s flying near us into Heathrow. The bottom line is that everybody has done a good job on the risk management

Increase funds or care will worsen, dentists warn

Patients could find it increasingly difficult to get an NHS dentist unless funding is increased, leaders of the profession will tell the Government today when they submit a claim for an rise of at least 4.3 per cent in their fees.

The claim for an inflation-busting pay rise will increase the pressure on the Treasury to concede higher claims in the NHS. The dentists follow nurses, family doctors and other groups in seeking substantial pay increases, in spite of a warning this week by the Treasury to the public sector pay review bodies that they

must keep their recommendations "low" and affordable. The British Dental Association will tell the Doctors and Dentists Pay Review Body that more dentists are finding that they cannot sustain a practice that relies on NHS fees.

Claiming that dentistry is underfunded, the BDA is calling for funding for dental practices to be increased by £40m to help arcas where there are problems of access to NHS dentistry.

Colin Brown, Chief Political Correspondent

Nine arrested in Guerin hunt

Police investigating the murder of Veronica Guerin, the Irish crime journalist, yesterday made nine arrests.

Officers detained five men and four women, aged between 30 and 50, in raids in Dublin. The nine, who were being questioned at police stations in the city, were suspected of having links to figures behind the murder of Ms Guerin last year.

Members of the group were being questioned in connection with continuing inquiries into the activities of drugs gang bosses, and into alleged drugs, money-laundering and firearms offences.

So far one man has been charged with murdering Ms Guerin.

Abuse files found at tip

A council yesterday admitted an error after a man bought a computer at a rubbish tip to find it contained files on 50 child abuse victims. Lincolnshire County Council's social services department said guidelines were ignored in not erasing the files before the word processor was dumped.

Steve Norton, of Boston, paid £10 for the obsolete machine dumped by the department at a recycling depot at Spalding. The computer repairman was shocked to find the details of

how youngsters were abused and their names and addresses. The worst thing is it would have taken under a minute to wipe these records clean," he said. ""This information could have fall-en into unscrupulous hands - and it doesn't bear thinking about what could have happened then."

Speaking today social services manager Mike Boddy said: "I am obviously very disturbed to hear that confidential social services files have been disposed of in this fashion. A full investigation is under way to ascertain how this situation arose."

£48,000 for 'Casablanca' poster

A promotional poster for the film Casablanca was sold for £48,800

at Sotheby's yesterday – a record for a film poster.

The film starred Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman and featured the song "As Time Goes By".

The 2m by 2m linen-backed sheet, one of only two known to exist, was bought by Andrew Cohen, the chairman of the doorto-door housewares retailer Betterware. Mr Cohen, who has collected film posters for seven years, said: "It's a great film and a great poster. The greatest poster ever produced."

Aids research for pregnant 'unethical'



The United States is funding research aimed at helping Third World countries combat the spread of Aids from pregnant women to their children. But critics say the methods are knowingly endangering the lives of unborn infants.

David Usborne looks at the two sides of the argument.

A study into lowering the rate of transmission of Aids from pregnant mothers to. their babies has been quietly under way for two years. An editorial in yesterday's New England Journal of Medicine, however, has blown away the lid. .

Being pursued in countries in Africa. in Thailand and the Dominican Republic, the studies are likened by the journal to the infamous Tuskegee experiment which, between 1932 and 1972, left 399 black men in Alabama untreated for syphilis so researchers could follow the disease's course.

These studies, backed by both the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control, seek to find

pregnancy has been spectacularly successful. Research has shown that without AZT, roughly 25 per cent of women with Aids who give birth will produce babies with Aids. If women are treated with AZT however, the rate falls to 8 per cent.

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The problem in the Third World, however, is cost. AZT is an expensive drug and a course of treatment for each person costs \$1,000. The researchers are trying to discover if lesser amounts can still help.

This research, however, is controversial; while half the women in each study are receiving AZT in varying dosages, half of them are not. In other words: the researchers are knowingly condemning some of the vet-to-be-born infants - as many as 1,000, according to critics - to death by Aids.

Defending the work, the NIH said in a statement: "We continue to believe that these studies, as designed, are not only appropriate but essential to finding a way as quickly as possible to prevent the potential infection of millions of infants worldwide with HIV."

Defenders of the programme say that were the researchers not present in these countries none of the women involved would have had access to AZT anyway.

The Washington-based advocacy group. cheaper alternatives to the treatment giv- Public Citizen, is attempting to have the en in richer countries to pregnant women : studies suspended. "We have turned onr with Aids: heavy doses of the drug AZT: backs on these mothers and their babies." The use of AZT on infected women in said its director, Dr Peter Lurie.

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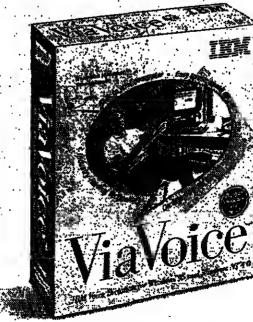
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Sensation as ink and egg are thrown at Hindley portrait

Red and blue ink and an egg were thrown over the picture of Myra Hindley at the

controversial exhibition of Young British Art on its first day open to the public yesterday. David Lister watched controversy being

orchestrated outside the Royal Academy, Tamsin Blanchard witnessed the vandalism inside

Sensation it was titled. Sensation it was. First red and blue Indian ink, then an egg, were smuggled through the security cordons and hurled on to the controversial painting of Myra

Before that we had shattered glass, megaphones, placards, images of media manipulation, tears confusion and bewilderment. And that was just in the courtyard.

Inside the Royal Academy there was a genuine sensation. A man was apprehended after throwing two canisters of ink at the much publicised painting of moors murderer Myra Hindley, made from casts of a child's

Security guards, two police officers, and an Academy curator immediately disappeared into the room in a frantic attempt to clean the ink off before it dried.

Two 19-year-old art students saw the first man kick the painting from the wall, "You. shnuld be ashamed of yourselves," he shouted at them as he splattered the canvas with red and blue ink. They then watched the second man throw an egg. 1 don't understand why there was such an extreme reaction to it," said one of the students. "It's quite good now been punched and has a bloody

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ing police van one shouted to bewildered onlookers: "Nn one should be allowed to make money or fame out of the death

It started at 4am when a rock, Hindley being shown. Howevnormally devotees of rocks.

Scene two saw the Academy's wish to broaden its audience for art exhibitions swiftly answered. Police from the vice squad demanded to see the exhibitinn. They were shown round Jake and Dinos Chapman's naked mannequins and children with erect genitalia on their faces; saw Chris Ofili's Virhandprints. Minutes later an gin Mary with its cut-outs of pornographic phntographs; were allowed if they wished to lie in Tracey Emin's tent embroidered with the names of everyone she had slept with; stood in dignified silence by Ron Mueck's Dead Dad, a silicone and acrylic naked corpse on the floor; and feasted their eyes on Sarah Lucas's Two Fried Eggs And A Kebab, sculpted food resembling a woman's sexual organs on a table. The police left, unshocked, their reaction a damning piece of art criticism for the YBAs.

Outside the queues were forming, all ages but largely the though, she looks like she has RA had hoped to attract. As

nf little children."

The Royal Academy said last night the painting by Marcus Harvey would be removed for cleaning, which was expected to take about a week. The attack was an unhappy end to a day that had been a piece of theatre in the courtyard outside the Academy, a conceptual happening that Damien Hirst and chums could only envy.

was hurled through the window in Piccadilly next to the Royal Academy banner proclaiming the show. The rock was thought to have been harled in protest against Harvey's painting of er, the window belonged to the Geological Society, its members They are asking the Royal Academy for compensation.

· students and backpackers the. they queued they were picketed by megaphone by the pres-As they were lead to a wait- sure group Mothers Against



Murder and Aggression, urging them not to view the Hindley

Like the best conceptualism, their spontaneous shouts had the feel of being well rehearsed in their pithiness. "They used to hang killers on the gallows. Now they hang them in the gallery," they yelled.

And then they brought in to the courtyard Winnie Johnson, the 64-year-old mother of one of the moors' victims. The distraught Mrs Johnson was a poignant sideshow, and not a spectacle one would have wished to see at the entrance to an art exhibition. RA secretary David Gordon had invited her to view the painting to show her it did not glamorise Hindley, she said. She would not enter the building though.

"Ask the head of the Royal Academy if he would go in and see the portrait of the person who murdered his child," she

sobbed rhetorically and inevitably to an invitation that had achieved very little.

By now the queue was lengthening and the first visitors freak show. were emerging from their view

of the brilliantly hung, provocative and ironic and striking mixture of the challenging and the plain silly, a modern day

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called Sensation," he said., "because Sensation for me is about sex and pleasure."

Despite the cryptic quality

Dury. "I don't know why it's said, enjoyed the show. So had numerous students, many from abroad. Julia Hardt from Germany found the exhibitinn "so provoking and disgusting, just

Hated face: Marcus Harvey's controversia painting of Myra Hindley before the damaging attack yesterday at the opening of the Royal Academy's new show

Photograph: Tony Buckingham

Of the home visitors, art lover Harriet Cronin loved the "wonderfully deployed three dimensional humnur", and

Tim Stevens, a 24-year-old archaeologist, mused: "I didn't find the Hindley painting offensive at all. I'm intrigued as to whether Charles Saatchi is going to sell it and the nther works. It seems great advertis-

vowed to return several times.

ing by a great ad man." Spare a thought though for Mr and Mrs Lay who had come from Harwich and came out of the Academy saying angrily: "We believe that painting should beautify the world." Why then had they come? "We came to see the summer show. We thought it was still on."

Pounds take a hammering in artist's pecuniary performance



Question of values: Artist Myles Stawman

A performance artist spends his days in a disused factory hammering £1 coins. As he taps, the face of the Queen gradually disappears. A comment on the monarchy, a message about money, or just another piece of meaningless art? Clare Gamer seeks an answer at the Living Art exhibit.

It is the ultimate anti-capitalist, anti-royalist gesture. Thousands of times a day, Myles Stawman raises his hammer, then brings it thundering down on a £1 coin. Another pound, another pound pounded.

The performance art exhibit in Bethnal Green, east London, has been a year in the making, but recent events have lent a certain poignancy to the gradual erosion of Her

Majesty's face. We're not going to smash the state," remarked Mr Stawman, 29, continuing to tap while looking up from his work. "The way it's going to go is drip, drip, tap, tap. It's that feeling of it disappearing. I don't think

it's going to be like the Bastille, it's going to be more like this." The hammer just happens to be By Royal Appointment and the floor painted red (as in car-

pet), but there is, apparently, much more to this solo performance than a simple comis entitled Pecu, as in the root. of pecuniary and peculiar, the European corrency plus a "P". It is, in Mr Stawman's

Visitors to the disused belt factory, where Mr Stawman the squat position for 16 hours a day for the past nine days, have paid their £1 entry fee and then watched their coins dented and mashed along with the rest. "What is this?" they ask. "A remark on the meaning of money, of art, of what?"

Mr Stawman mentions Black Wednesday and makes a few suggestions. "What is moncy? The quidity of a quid, the. essence of a pound, the crashing of the pound? ... It's about iding all your time working for virtually nothing ... It's about artists in their studios doing their stuff - for love, not for money ... If you so wish, you could see it as anti-contempo-

Some people have found the solo performance harrowing. Although Mr Stawman, looking part-monk, part-prisoner, has developed a repertoire of swings, strokes and swipes, the monotony of his work has got think: 'He's doing this all the time. Is he mad? They've

Perhaps if takes a fellow year-old painter, entered the When I do things many, many times, patterns emerge," he began. "It's about process. The way things start to coalesce and have a certain logic. Bridget Riley said the secret to art is in the

For Mr Stawman himself, the hammering has been an "empowering" experience.

Over the course of the week, he has changed his attitude to money. He says he feels "much lighter" towards it now.

coins? He has not quite decidwards the latter option. "Maybe they Il take on a value as an art commodity," he debated. Yeah, that would be handy.



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Black South Africans claim media racist and unpatriotic

Public hearings this week into the whitecontrolled media's collusion with apartheid were marked by bitter criticisms from black journalists about the past. But it is the future that is causing more concern, for black columnists and intellectuals are clamouring for a purge of the still whitedominated media, arguing it is as racist as ever. The signs for press freedom are ominous. Mary Braid reports.

It was a heated three days. At the end of the Truth and Reconeiliation Commission's hearings into the media's role in apartheid. Jon Qwelane, one of South Africa's most influential black columnists, was characteristically uncompromising.

"I want to charge all the mainstream newspapers - English or Afrikaans - with collusion with apartheid, and having a hand ... in the subsequent murders of tens of thousands of black people by the apartheid army and police." He added: "I

Forget the film Cry Freedom

and the brave white editor Donald Woods. In a country where "white liberal" is now a term of derision, Mr Qwelane allows the media of that time only the occasional flash of apartheid-era courage. At the hearings, other black journalists talked about the watering down of copy by a media which conspired to keep South Africa - and blacks in particular – ignorant.

They complained bitterly about humiliation in white liberal newsrooms; their allocation of tin mugs while white colleagues were dished the porcelaio aod rules which forced them to use blacks-only toilets.

They spoke of the frustration of always being paid less than whites and never being trained or promoted.

The past, of course, has many versions. The print giants Times Media Limited and Independent Newspapers (formerly the Argus Group) which dominate today have changed owners since apartheid crumblcd and like to concentrate on the transformation of their companies, The Independent group admits its titles could have done more, while TML argues it was out apartheid's poodle and did what it could within the confines of the times.

Black criticism of the "white liberal" press is oot just ahout the past. Thami Mazwai, head of Mafube Publishing and a for-

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Moeysien Williams (left), editor of the Cope Town Argus, and Ivan Fallon, chief executive of Independent Newspapers wrestle with apartheid's legacy

mer Argus employee, insists the "apartheid mindset" lives on at his old workplace, And Don Mattera, liberation poet and former journalist, this week

the media to rid it of racism. With TML now in black

called for a complete purge of from the boardroom to the about to fulfil our potential," hands, black journalists see their fight for control shifting says one young black journal-

ist. "But somehow we oever oewsroom where whites still manage to get there." dominate. "We are always Black journalists' dissatis-

faction with the pace of change is understandable. But their complaints are part of a larger, more ominous anti-media campaign begun by Thabo Mbeki. Presideot Nelson Mandela's heir apparent, and developed. by prominent members of the oew hlack establishment. . . Mr Mbeki has condemned

the media for negative portrayals of the new South Africa, particularly in relation to crime. The press, he complains, is running down the country. In this fledgling democracy, in a contineot where few states place any value on free speech or press freedom, the antago-

nism is worrying. President Mandela has also criticised journalists hut Mr Mbeki is different; his pronouncements have led many journalists to conclude he does not like the media and does not understand its role in a democracy. Mr Mbeki, it is rumoured, is orchestrating - or at least eocouraging - the attacks by hlack writers and intellectuals who insist the media is the oew enemy withio, undermioing government and hampering Africanisatioo.

And no matter how impeccal le a white journalist's autiapartheid credentials, there is no escape from criticism which at times degenerates into racist diatribe. The editors of the liberal Sunday Independent and the Guardian and Mail were last month accused of being unpatriotic by Mr Qwelage and Mr Mazwai after revealing an arms deal the government would rather have kept secret. Uopatriotic is just the charge levelled at them many times by the old National Party government.

The white editors' sin was to reveal South Africa's plans to

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Eurocentric conspiracy is left to

Professor William Makgoba, au

academic at the University of the

Witswatersrand. "The media

African renaissance," he argues,

nalists as "Uncle Toms".

Mr Makeoba argues that the debate is really about national public debate about the ANC's promise to inject ethics into the ideotity and the tension bearms industry, Nonetheless Mr tween "two societies living on different wavelengths in the Owelane denounced the scoop same geographic space". Some as an "abuse" of press freedom. Mr Mazwai went further. of his criticisms are valid. The reassuring defence minister Joe media is trying to cater to black interests - it is in its commer-Modise he would do all in his power to "ensure that press cial interest. freedom serves the interests of

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But his insisteoce that the media is deliberately preventing social change is uosubstantiated. Most worrying, he insists the media cannot reform itself and this week called for The drawing up of a wider a government inquiry into the press and reform of the sector.

Press freedom, says Mr Mazwai, must serve South Africa and its oational objechas become a major obstacle to tives. A minister from the dis-(social) transformation and the graced old National Party could



New era: South Africa is less tolerant of liberal journalists such as Donald Woods, played by Kevin Kline, here with Denzil Washington as Steve Biko in Cry Freedom





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'iotic Victory for presenters as Birt backs down

Changes planned for the **BBC's news programmes** have been delayed after a torrent of protest by presenters and editors. Paul McCann, Media Correspondent, reports on John Birt's first big U-turn after years of pushing through reforms

John Birt and Tony Hall, the BBC's most senior managers. have hacked away from a fight with top newsreaders and editnrs after the chairman of the BBC governors expressed alarm at the weight of opposition to their plans in change the corporation's news nperation.

Sir Christopher Bland, chairman of the BBC governors, called Mr Birt, director-general of the BBC and Mr Hall, head of the BBC news directorate, into an urgent meetiog yesterday after which it was announced that the deadline for the implementation of a merger of news services had been delayed by six weeks,

Those opposing the changes, who included James Naughtie and John Humphrys from the Today Programme, Anna Ford from the Six O'Clock News and Jeremy Paxman from Newsnight, are known to believe the move indicates a significant

haul Tony and Birt in and not to merge the prodoction of do anything about it," said one senior presenter. "If Bland and editors is the idea of news chief

Tony Hall and his staff can live with it's one of the best bits of news the BBC's had in years.

"We will now go intn constructive oegntiations with them. The sticking point is still editorial independence for programmes."

The focus of the revolt will now turn in the BBC's board of governors, which includes members of the great and the good such as Bill Jurdan, the furmer union leader, and Sir Richard Eyre, director of the National Theatre.

In the past the board has ruhber-stamped changes pro-posed by Birt, hut BBC insiders helieve the size of the rebellioo leaves them with little choice but to look for a com-

"The bottom line is that they know they cannot implement the changes because the crucial jobs will not be filled." said another senior source. "Or if they are filled, it will be by people who will not have the se-niority or respect of their staff."

The changes planned involve the creation of five "super-editors" to run all news programmes, hut noue of the BBC's current senior editors is willing to apply for the jobs.

"I don't think we will see this drag out six weeks," said one senior editor last night. "There has climbdown. already been a lot of talking to-

It is being suggested inside "I doo't see how Bland can the building that the proposal news programmes under five in producing something that no appetite for a battle with his might need more time for con- heaval in the way it is run."



John Birt: Backed down over reforms in the BBC news operation after a meeting with Sir Christopher Bland, chairman of the board of governors

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most famnus radin and television stars.

rapid climbdown yesterday meant that editors were still being told at their morning meeting that they must calm their staff and apply for the new jobs by the end of the weekend as Sir Christopher was ordering the

cel a lunch with journalists at the Royal Television Society conference in Cambridge where he was due to be grilled about the

The BBC management's Earlier nn Radin 4's Today programme James Naughtie Wednesday.

Mr Hall was forced to can-

Mr Hall told the One

sultatinn and I am quite happy to give people that time."

had to bow out of interviewing Mr Hall because he was a signatory to a letter protesting about the changes that had been sent to Mr Hall nn The pressure on the BBC in-

creased yesterday when Gerald Kaufman MP, chair of the Culture Media and Sport Select Committee, joined other politicians in condemning the changes: "The BBC is a shambles, it is extraordinarily badly the governors are going to help Tony Hall and that John Birt has O'Clock News: "I think that we run and it needs a complete up-

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Editors allege anti-Semitism

As if the rebellion by senior broadcasters were not enough of a headache for the BBC, the corporation now faces charges of anti-Semitism. Four employees claim that discrimination was rife in their department for eight years. As Kathy Marks reports, they will argue their case at an industrial tribunal.

Four Jewish film editors have accused the BBC of dragging its heels in investigating their complaints of anti-Semitism, according to a report in today's Jewish Chronicle.

At a preliminary session beforce an industrial tribunal in employees. It was "not a poli- capacity.

week, the four - Adele Rubin, Steve Sack, Steve Sampsoo and Leigh Scheindlinger - were given leave to bring a claim of racial discrimination at a full hearing in November.

Their barrister, Andrew Short, told the tribunal that they had complained to managers ou numerous occasions between 1985 and 1993 about allegedly being passed over for promotions and regradings, and not receiving their fair share of work.

"It was felt that allegations of anti-Semitism were nnt taken seriously," he said. The film problems would be dealt with internally, he added, but the situation did not improve.

Mr Short said that it was not being alleged that the BBC operated a policy against Jewish

central London earlier this cy, but a practice", he said. There was a culture of discrimination.

"A practice developed in the 1980s motivated by anti-Semitism. That practice continued in the 1990s, because of the inertia [from the BBC management] that had built up."

The four worked as editors in the BBC's post-production and graphic design department during the period. Mr Scheindlinger left in

1993 to work as a freelance director, while the other three remain employed by the Corporation. The preliminary hearing was

editors were assured that the told that the BBC finally held an internal inquiry in 1995, and also commissioned a separate investigation by Vivienne Brown, a regional officer for the Commission of Racial Equality, who acted in a persocal

The tribunal ruled that Ms Brown's report would form the basis of the employees' case when it was heard in

November.

John Bowers, counsel for the BBC, had argued that complaints of racial discrimination dating back to the 1980s were "out of time" - beyond the le-gal period in which they oeeded to be lodged. He added that the case would be difficult to substantiate because of the time lapse.

The four editors are being backed by Bectu, the broadcasting trade uning. A Bectu spokesman yesterday welcomed the ruling that their claims would be tested before a full tribunal hearing.

The BBC yesterday declined in comment. "We can't say anything about the case until it has been concluded," a spokesman

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Ten die in Cairo attack on tourists

After a lull of almost 18 months, Islamic militants have struck again in Cairo, killing ten people, including six German tourists. The dead were among a party on a bus outside the popular Egyptian Museum. The militants aim to damage the government by damaging the economy - and they do that by driving out the tourists.

"It was like Gurfight at the OK Corral," said Fabian Muir, an Australian tourist in Cairo. "Totally out of control. It went on for 20 minutes. It seemed to go On forever "

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, in which at least nine people were wounded, but Egyptian security sources said police had arrested three suspected militants and were looking for two more.

The sources said all of those who died were inside the bus parked outside the Egyptian Museum at Tahrir Square, one of Cairo's busiest areas.

An Interior Ministry state-



ment identified one gunman as Saber Farahat Abu el-Ela, who was put in a mental hospital after he fired on tourists at the

tel in Cairo four years go.

sources said the third gunman Ela's brother Mahmoud was was shot in the head and was in ported to be carrying 33 Geralso arrested after the attack, a critical condition. Security man tourists, and started

spraying the interior with gunclimbed aboard the bus, re-When he saw several tourists escaping through the rear exit, the gunman threw a petrol

tourist bus stands outside the Egyptian Museum in Tahrir Square, one of the busiest areas of Cairo

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ital since April 1996, when suspected militants shot dead 18 Greek tourists and wounded 14 outside a hotel.

It was one of the bloodiest attacks against the Egyptian tourism industry since militants began sporadically targeting tourists in 1992 as a way to damage the country's economy in their fight against the govern-

Before yesterday, Muslim mititants had killed 26 foreigners and wounded 73.

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The German Foreign Minister, Klaus Kinkel, expressed horror at the bomb attack, saying it was the third disaster to hit Germans abroad this week.

"I learned with horror of the bomb attack on a tourist bus in Cairo in which there were many dead and injured, including Germans. It is the third disaster this week," Mr Kinkel said.

or more buses parked near the museum, security sources said. Thousands of tourists visit the Egyptian Museum every 29 German soldiers and diplo-

day. The sprawling building houses more than 100,000 ancient relics, the most outstanding being the tomb and gold mask of Tutankhamun. · Security sources suspect the

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gunmen were Muslim militants. who have been seeking to topple the government since 1992. bly in a mid-air collision with a

Other gunmen fired at three News of the Cairo bombing. followed two air disasters within the last five days that killed

Five Germans died on Wednesday in a helicopter crash in Bosnia on a UN peacekeeping mission, and 24 were killed off the coast of south-west Africa on Saturday when their army transport crashed, possi-The attack was the first ma- US military aircraft. Reuters

Is it safe to travel along the Nile? If you're careful ...

Yesterday's terrorist attack in Cairo was the latest example of tourists being used as pawns in wider political struggles. While British tour operators are still sending holidaymakers to Egypt, there is evidence that campaigns to scare off visitors are working. Simon Calder,

Travel Editor, reports.

The timing was telling. Just as news was emerging of the attack by Islamic militants on a tourist bus outside the Egyptian Museum in central Cairo, the latest "Autumn Specials" hrochure arrived on my desk from the tour operator Hayes and Jarvis. It revealed special deals such as holidays in Egypt for under £250, and a week in Cuba for only £389. As the fashion for placing tourists in the frontline of political struggles spreads, demand for destina-

tions such as these is dwindling. To gauge the impact that yesterday's attack will have on Egypt's tourism industry, imagine a bomb exploding on a coach full of visitors outside the British Museum.

The economic consequences for Egypt will be serious. The campaign by Islamic fundamentalists against foreign visitots began in 1992, and until yesterday had killed 26. Since the most serious attack last April, in which 18 Greek tourists were shot dead outside their hotel, the security forces in Egypt had enjoyed some success in stifling the campaign. Yesterday's atrocity is certain to lead to widespread boliday cancellations.

The Foreign Office updated its travel advice for Egypt shortly after the attack. It points out that 320,000 British people visited the country last year, but says, "The latest attack shows at http://www.fco.gov.uki or on

It stops short of warning British travellers against visiting Egypt -a move which would lead holiday companies to s operations there.

The tour operator Knowl which has 280 clients in Cairo at present, has offered them the option to move to Luxor or to return to the UK. Thomas Cook Holidays has given customers booked to travel within the next week the chance to cancel without penalty. In the longer term, travel

companies' programmes will

be trimmed back, and extra security provided for organised groups. American tourists. whose numbers fell steeply during and after the Gulf war. are likely to be further disinclined to visit. Backpackers, who use local transport and stay in low-budget accommodation, have so far avoided being targeted by the

terrorists. Evidence from war-

torn countries such as Sri Lanka suggests that few will be deterred from visiting Egypt. The broader danger is that more terrorist groups around the world will latch on to targeting tourists. The fashion began in the mid-1980s when the Maoist Shining Path guerrillas of Peru declared they would at-

bers have still not recovered. In Cuba, tourism has proved remarkably successful in shoring up an economy hit by the ending of Soviet subsidies and the US blockade. But the industry has been threatened by a series of bomb attacks on hotels in Havana. The most recent killed an Italian tourist.

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While Cuban officials blame anti-Castro exiles in Miami for the campaign, travel companies are busily cutting prices. The grisly pattern will be repeated in Egypt: after carnage, cheap holidays are bound to follow.

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Jerusalem for the Jews - one rich American's big idea

He may be just a 68-year-old retired physician and bingo parlour owner but Dr Irving Moskowitz this week plunged relations between Palestinians and Israel into crisis. The American multi-millionaire's financing of the takeover of two houses in the Palestinian neighbourhood of Ras ai-Amoud in Jerusalem provided a glimpse of a sinister agenda. Patrick Cockburn in Israel reports

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He is described by his many enemies as Israel's most dangerous pyromaniac. "He is a man who lives far away with a big box he began to acquire in southern Califorof matches, facing a huge keg of gunpowder, which is Jerusalem," says Ornan opposition leader is demanding that security police prevent Dr Moskowitz returning to his home in Miami Beach, Florida, so he can see the explosive consequences of what he has wrought in Jerusalem.

But for the Jewish settlers and their supporters in Ras al-Amoud, Dr Moskowitz is a hero. This week, wearing a black skullcap, he nailed the mezuzah, the box containing a prayer, to the doorpost of the newly-acquired villa in Ras al-Amoud, as is traditional in Jewish households. Yesterday, he was close to a "compromise" agreement giving him much of what he wanted, with Avigdor Kahalani, the Public Security Minister, whose political party he hankrolled in the last election.

For the first time Dr Moskowitz, long influential in Israel, has stepped out of the shadows, meeting with emissaries from Benjamio Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, looking for a way out of the crisis. Not surprisingly many Israelis asked why a retired doctor from Florida, using the immense profits of one of the world's biggest bingo parlours, should be determining their future.

It is not the first time that Dr Moskowitz has stoked the flames of conflict in Jerusalem. Last year he helped finance the opening of an extension to a tunnel running under the Muslim quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem. Within days fighting erupted between the Israeli army and Netanyahu: bankrolled by Moskowitz. Palestinians which left 65 Palestinians and now looking for a compromise

15 Israelis dead, while over 1,000 people 1991 it was taking in \$33m in profits. A sigwere wounded.

Dr Moskowitz makes no secret of his immediate objective. It is to Judaize Jerusalem (though the city already contains 400,000 is on the Old City and its immediate neighbourhood. He says that he wants "to do everything I possibly can to help reclaim Jerusalem for the Jewish people".

He sees the Oslo accords between Israel and the Palestinians as "a slide towards concessions, surrender and Israeli suicide". Since 1993, through contributions to right-wing lobbying groups in the US and Mr Netanyahu's election campaign, he has done all he can to overturn them.

The source of Dr Moskowitz's original wealth lay in a string of private hospitals nia in the late 1950s. But the funds used to buy up houses in the Old City of 1988 he was asked by the council of Hawaiian Gardens, the smallest city in Los Angeles County, to take over a "charity" hingo hall, whose previous owner was facing criminal charges. Dr Moskowitz turned the 800-seat bingo parlour round and by



nificant proportion of this - through the Irving I Moskowitz Foundation - ended up in Jerusalem.

-It was not merely that Dr Moskowitz was Jews and 170,000 Palestinians). His focus a rich man with a political agenda. His importance is that his money flowed to people of the deepest fanaticism, notably to Ateret Cohanim (Crown of the Priest), a group dedicated to taking over Jerusalem.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s Ateret Cohanim became a much feared name among Palestinians in the city. Its militants would suddenly swoop on their houses in the middle of the night and take them over. Palestinians maintained - and this was subsequently backed by a government report - that the legal basis for these takeovers was flimsy. But once blue-and-white Israeli flags had sprouted from a building it was difficult for a Palestinian to get the courts or the Israeli police to evict the oc-

The takeover of Palestinian property often appeared deliberately geared to provoke. Ariel Sharon, the Israeli general held responsible by Palestinians for the Sabra and Chatila massacres in Lebanon, suddenly acquired a house in the Old City in 1987. St John's Hospice in the Christian Quarter was occupied in 1990. Overall some 600 settlers were introduced in the teeth of Palestinian resistance.

Dr Moskowitz defends himself against charges of ethnic cleansing by stealth. He says: "Objecting to Jews living among Arabs is racism of the worst kind." But the defence is naive. No sooner were settlers established in Ras al-Amoud this week than the soldiers who guard them starting making life unliveable for Palestinians in the street, who were repeatedly stopped, questioned and searched. Jubilant settiers celebrated their victory like a conquering army.

A "compromise", which was close yesterday, whereby the settler families will withdraw for the moment but be replaced with workmen recovating the building, is a victory for Dr Moskowitz. Such arrangements, aimed at deflecting international criticism have in the past always ended in settlers taking over buildings. If Mr Netanyahu prefers compromise with the extreme oationalist settlers before compromise with the Palestinians the result will be violence - but by then Dr Moskowitz may be on the flight back to Miami.



Money talks: Moskowitz, left, wants to do all he can 'to help reclaim Jerusalem for the Jewish people' Photograph: AP



16/WORLD NEWS

Politician shoots rival in Albania's parliament

Tirana (Reuters) - The Albanian Prime Minister, Fatos Nano, yesterday appealed for calm after a member of his ruling Socialist Party shot and seriously wounded a political rival inside the country's parliament huilding.

A police spokesman said Socialist MP Gafur Mazreku had been charged with the attempted murder of apposition deputy Azem Hajdari, a former student leader who in 1990 helped topple the country's 45year Stalinist regime.

One witness said Mr Mazreku had shot Mr Hajdari four times with a pistol in the most serious political incident since a general election in June largely subdued widespread violence across the Balkan nation. The two politicians had earlier been involved in a fracas in the chamber on Tuesday.

Australia under fire from states that may disappear under water

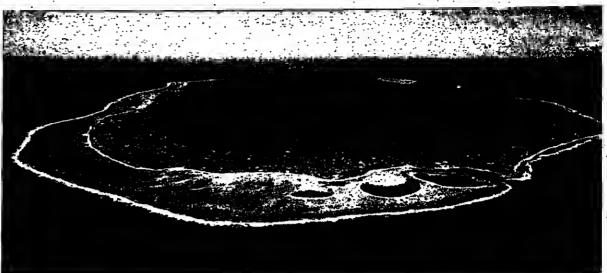
If sea levels rise, then some Pacific islands might disappear altogether. So they are pressing Australia to help prevent global warming. But, as Robert Milliken reports, they aren't getting much of a hearing.

Tuvalu is so small you can barely find it on the map, and life under its South Pacific palms many problems. But yesterday, this tiny country joined with Australia, which they accuse of contributing to the global warming and rising sea levels that are threatening to wipe them off the face of the earth.

Australia and its Prime Minister, John Howard, came under fire at the summit in the Cook Islands of the South Pacific Forum. The Australians have steadfastly refused to bow to pressure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to below international targets. claiming their country is a special case because of its small population (18 million) and high economic dependence on fossil fuels.

Australia's Pacific island neighbours yesterday fuelled the row by declaring that would not seem to pose too enough was enough. They accused Australia of hypocrisy, claiming that its intransigence other Pacific island nations to nn greenhouse gases potenattack their big neighbour, tially poses a bigger environmental threat to the Pacific than the French nuclear tests which Australia vociferously apposed two years ago.

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At a meeting last weekend said.

Water World: Pacific islanders are meeting in Rarotonga, left, to discuss the implications of global Photograph: Colorific

ahead of the forum, Mr Pacniu joined with leaders of four other island states, Nauru, Niue, Kiribati and the Cook Islands, in pass a resolution calling on rich countries such as Australia to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 2005 tri one-fifth below their 1990 levels.

Mr Howard yesterday appeared to dismiss the islanders' claims that Australia's environmental policies were helping to put their futures at

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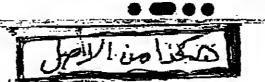
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Helicopter pilot dies helping prisoner escape

A helicopter pilot taking part in an escape attempt from Sittard prison in south-eastern Netherlands died when his craft hit the prison wall and burst into flames, a justice ministry spokesman said. The prisoner, a Colombian jailed for drug trafficking, was ant injured seriously in the incident. The pilot had attempted to land in the prison courtyard when the prisoners were outside on their daily exercise.

Lebed offers Rokhlin a hand

Retired general Alexander Lebed, a presidential hopeful in Russia, affered to join forces with Lev Rokhlin, another prominent general who opposes the Kremlin. A statement, signed by Lebed on behalf of his Dignity and Motherland political group, expressed willingness to "co-operate closely" with a movement Rokhlin is forming.

Plea for Ugandan children

Human rights groups called on the Ugandan and Sudanese govenuments to balt the systematic abuse of children involved in fighting in northern Uganda. Unicef, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch released reports detailing physical and mental abuses inflicted on thousands of children whn they said had been abducted by the rebel Lord's Resistance Army (LRA). Reuters

Hope for Western Sahara

Polisarin leader Mnhamed Abdelaziz said accords reached with Morocco laid the ground for resolving the Western Sahara conflict and ending a colonial situation of injustice lasting 23 years. They have agreed a code of conduct covering a planned referendum to decide the fate of the territory.

Malaysia's PM dons mask

Malaysia's Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad appeared yesterday in public for the first time wearing a mask - a white disposable type that covered his nose and mnuth - as a smoky haze, blamed on bush fires in Indonesia, continued to shroud much of the country. The smake has also hit Singapore and Brunei.

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Shanghai surprise as ruthless President ousts aging rivals

Two of the most powerful men in China have been dumped at the party congress. The announcement was a triumph for President Jiang Zemin, as he bids to establish himself as paramount leader following the death of Deng Xiaoping, Tereso Poole looks at how the man from Shanghai has won out.

"It was a unified congress. It was a victorious congress," said Mr Jiang as the military band prepared to strike up the "Internationale" at the closing curemony of the week-long party meeting.

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It had certainly been a victory for the man who will lead China into the 21st century. In the first major political reshuffle since the death of paramount leader Deng Xiaoping in February, Mr Jiang managed to get rid of his main rival, Qiao Shi, until now ranked third in the hierarchy. Mr Jiang also forced the retirement of the most senior general, Liu Huaqing.

Yesterday's key event of the 15th Party Congress was the closed-door "election" by the 2.000-odd delegates of a new were cast, the number of candidates had already been whittled down to the number of seats on offer.

But this was the result of two days of tense factional manoeuvrings pre-elections in which Mr Jiang's allies appeared to score the victories they were seeking. Qiao and General Liu both a lightweight who would not stay



liang Zemin: Clearing the way for his protégés

lost their seats on the Committee. This means that the two men will also be removed from China's supreme political body, the seven-member Standing Committee of the Politburo. That new line-up and the 20odd member Politburo will be amounced this morning, and all eyes will be watching to see whether Mr Jiang has put his protégés in place, many of them from his political power base of

It was 72-year-old Mr Qiao's comprehensive removal from all the key centres of political power which was the most unexpected, "It is a bit of a surprise," said one Western diplomat last night. "But it is a good thing for Mr Jiang, it removes one big problem.

When Mr Jiang in 1992 added the presidency to his positions as party chief and head of the army, many China-The outcome was that Mr watchers still dismissed him as

the course in the post-Deng era. In the past 18 months Mr Qiao was the one senior figure who failed to pay public lip-service to Mr Jiang as Mr Deng's anointed successor, and relations between the two were said to be increasingly frosty.

The friction became more acute in recent months because Mr Jiang wanted to removed Mr Qiao from his position as chairman of China's parliament, the National People's Congress, in order to replace. him with Li Peng, who under the constitution must retire as prime minister next March. That switch may now be on the

The expressions on people's faces yesterday in the Great Hall of the People said it all. A beaming Mr Li posed for photographs as he posted his ballot papers, while a very stiff-faced Mr Qiao squeezed out a very forced smile.

No one expected Mr Qiao to be removed from all his posts, and it marks a very public personal defeat. In the months up to Mr Deng's death, this was the man whom many analysis had described as a likely "kingmaker" for the post-Deng era, a role which yesterday evaporated. The propaganda machine cannot even pretend it is a matter of age; Mr Qiao is only one year older than Mr Jiang.

General Liu, 81, had held the top military position in the hierarchy, and although his age meant retirement from the Standing Committee was likely, he was reluctant to depart. His removal from even the Central Committee is a political humiliation. Mr Jiang, who is head of the armed forces, will now seek to promote his own military allies, possibly to the Standing Committee or at least to the Central Military Com-



2020: West eclipsed by rising star

Within the next 20 years, China could be the world's second largest exporter, after the United States: its consumers are likely to have a purchasing power greater than that of all Europe combined; incomes levels could be on a par with those prevailing in Portugal today. and poverty could be climinated by 2020.

These amazing predictions are all contained in a major report on the Chinese economy released by the World Bank yesterday. The report puts the bank's seal of approval on a growing number of studies which depict China as a dominant economic force in the new century.

The scale of Chinese achievement, says Vikram Nehru, the report's principal author, is on a par with the emergence of the US as a leading trading nation in the second half of the nineteenth century and Japan's econamic explosion from 1952-1995.

For almost two decades, between 1978 and 1995, the Chinese economy grew annually by an average of 9.4 per cent. The report estimates that for the next 20 years the economy will achieve an annual growth rate of 6.5 per cent.

The World Bank says that China's robust economy has been supported by the way the government has handled economic reform and economic growth. In addition, the economic boom has benefited from a supportive Chinese diaspora which has poured investment and know-how into the Chinese economy.

However, this impressive level of growth cannot be guaranteed, the expansion of the Chinese economy has thrown up a number of serious challenges, says the World Bank. Identified as the most serious is the speeding up of reform of the vast state enterprises, half of which are loss making. The Chinese Communist Party congress, now underway, has pledged reform but it may not be sufficient.

Meanwhile, capital-raising is hampered by the inability to channel the enormous hulk of savings into China's infrastructure needs. Capital markets, especially stock markets, are badly regulated and far more like casinos than serious capital-raising centres. The lack of a well-developed legal system to administer the increasingly free market is undermining stahility and depriving China of a framework within which to sustain economic growth.

Aside from these problems China, says Mr Nehru, is suffering from mounting environmental pressure, growing inequality both between individuals and hetween regions, stubbornly high poverty levels, employment insecurity and periods of economic turmoil. such as high bonts of inflation, which stem from uncompleted economic reforms.

Economic reform yes, but political? Look what happened to Gorbachev

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Dance drugs lose appeal in the South

There is a boom in the use of drugs and alcohol among teenagers in the North, while those in the South are rejecting raves and narcotics. Overall drug consumption may have stopped rising, but some regions would never guess it. jason Bennetto, Crime Correspondent, reports.

Teenagers in the North and the Midlands are becoming the country's higgest drug users, ac- taken drugs in the survey year cording to the latest study, published today

The use of illegal drugs is still widespread, with nearly half of they had ever taken an illegal ing done so in the past month. south have stopped using so many designer dance drugs. their contemporaries in the north of England and the Midlands are increasingly turning tn speed. LSD and ecstasy.

Experts believe that a boom in the North and Midlands in alcohnl and tobacco use, which are strongly linked to drug taking, may explain the rise in popularity, combined with a drop in the number of raves held in the However, the surprising

finding of the Hnme Office's British Crime Survey of England and Wales, in which 11,000 people were questioned in 1996, is that drug consumption appears to have almost stopped rising, although this may be a statistical blip. The proportion of people aged 16 to 29 who had rose nuly by 1 per cent in the past two years in 24 per cent.

The most significant shift is in the difference between reall people aged 16 to 29 saying gions. Among 16-in 19-year-olds - whn are the highest consubstance, and 15 per cent hav- sumers of illegal substances the percentage who took any But while there is evidence to drugs in 1996 rose by 4 per cent by 6 per cent to 30 per cent in the Midlands.

Meanwhile, there have been big drops in drug taking among the statistics challenged the bethe same age group in the lief that drug abuse was esca-South and Wales. In London, it lating nut of all control.

declined by 16 per cent to 29 per cent; in the South it was down 7 per cent to 32 per cent. In Wales it was down 18 per cent in 19 and East Anglia saw a 13 per cent drop to 28 per cent.

age group nf 16- tn 29-year-olds is considered London is still the top drug-taking ceotre, fol-

per cent of 16- tn 29 year-olds having used it within the last lucinngenic drugs - naly 9 per taken it. Only 1 per cent had

The survey found that those most likely to take illegal drugs were aged 16-29, heavy drinkers suggest that young people in the to 35 per cent in the North and and smokers, male, unemployed, and tended to go nut a

The Hame Office said that

lowed closely by the Nnrth. Overall, cannabis is the most

community used drug, with 21 LSD, magic mushrooms, ecstasy and poppers, which together were taken by 11 per cent of young people. Ecstasy is the least popular of these five halcent of this age group had ever

int in the evenings.

The 30 grams of brown pow-

Smart move that kept killer batch of contaminated heroin off the streets A drug dealer has voluntarily potentially lethal "wraps" or and acids, which can be lethal force area recently, as well as handed over to the police a batch of contaminated heroin arranged to drop off the pack- been sold as heroin in the Blyth age in the North Tyneside area believed to have already killed of Northumberland.

Stay clean: The Prime Minister, Tony Blair, holding up an ecstasy tablet while warning school children off using drugs

and was enough to make 1,000 is a morphine derivative, kaolin Miller - in the Northumbria if it was injected. Whoever cut

doses. A known drug dealer if injected. It is thought to have "numerous overdoses". Valley area

The substance was found to drugs led to the deaths of two

Detective Chief Inspector

Allan Bowman, the south-east Police believe the batch of Northumberland crime manager, said: "Dealers realised the der had a street value of £5,000 contain dihydrocodeine, which men - Lee Percy and Mark lethal consequences of this drug

this obviously had a total disregard for life," said Mr

"I believe this recovery has saved lives and showed that the efforts of police and other agencies to tackle the drugs problem



Newspaper test shows big business the smart way to beat crime

Companies spend millions on security, but one of the world's biggest corporations has found a cheaper way to keep criminals at bay.

Steve Boggan reports.

General Electric has saved itself largest company has signed up articles on the databases. up a hit-list of 45 words designed mally used by jnurnalists. to weed out criminals whn try to do business with it.

millions of dollars by drawing to five computer databases nor-

Managers across the world In a simple but ingenious reference a potential business method designed to avoid be- partner's name with the 45 words to see whether they have

If they have - in conjunction with "indict", "investigate", "crime", "fraud" or "violent", to have been told they must cross-name but a few of the words then the company refuses to do business with them.

"We call it the oewspaper phisticated crooks, America's featured together in newspaper test and it has proved very suc-

company's director of global compliance. "This is not the only check we make, but it is a start.

"If someone associated with a deal appears on the database with one of our chosen 45 words, we see that as smnke, as a red flag, and we investigate further. We ask whether we would like our company's name linked with that person's on the front page of the Financial Times or the Wall Street Journal. If the answer is oo, then we doo't get involved with them.

company had saved itself from serious losses by using the newspaper test. In one instance, General Electric backed away from an airport project in Argentina after finding hundreds

of articles oo one of the senior

figures on the Argentinian side.

"I find it astonishing that some companies run no. checks," added Ms Wexton, who spent six years in the New York County District Attorney's office before joining General Electric. "I receotly read Speaking at the Cambridge that the fourth largest telecom the. Internet being used for . can anticipate what the crooks

cessful," said Jane Wexton, the Crime, Ms Wextoo said the a deal with four men involving jurisdictional problems that its retained-value phonecards. arise when it is,

The four men subsequently took that company for \$94m. But a simple check on the databases we use - Lexus Nexus, Dialogue Knight Rider, Reuters, Dow Jones and the BBC would have shown them that all the men had well-publicised

links with organised crime." tracts lawyers, law enforcement officers and computer experts from around the world, has International. Symposium oo company in the US entered into criminal purposes and the huge will do next."

While some speakers have been saying the electronic superhighway is the perfect route for fraud and money laundering, others believe that international co-operation among law enforcement agencies will

stop the crooks. Bill Tupman, ex-director of The symposium, which at- police studies at Exeter University, said: "The police's capacity to use information technology and to co-operate been examining ways to prevent across borders means that they



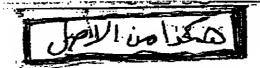
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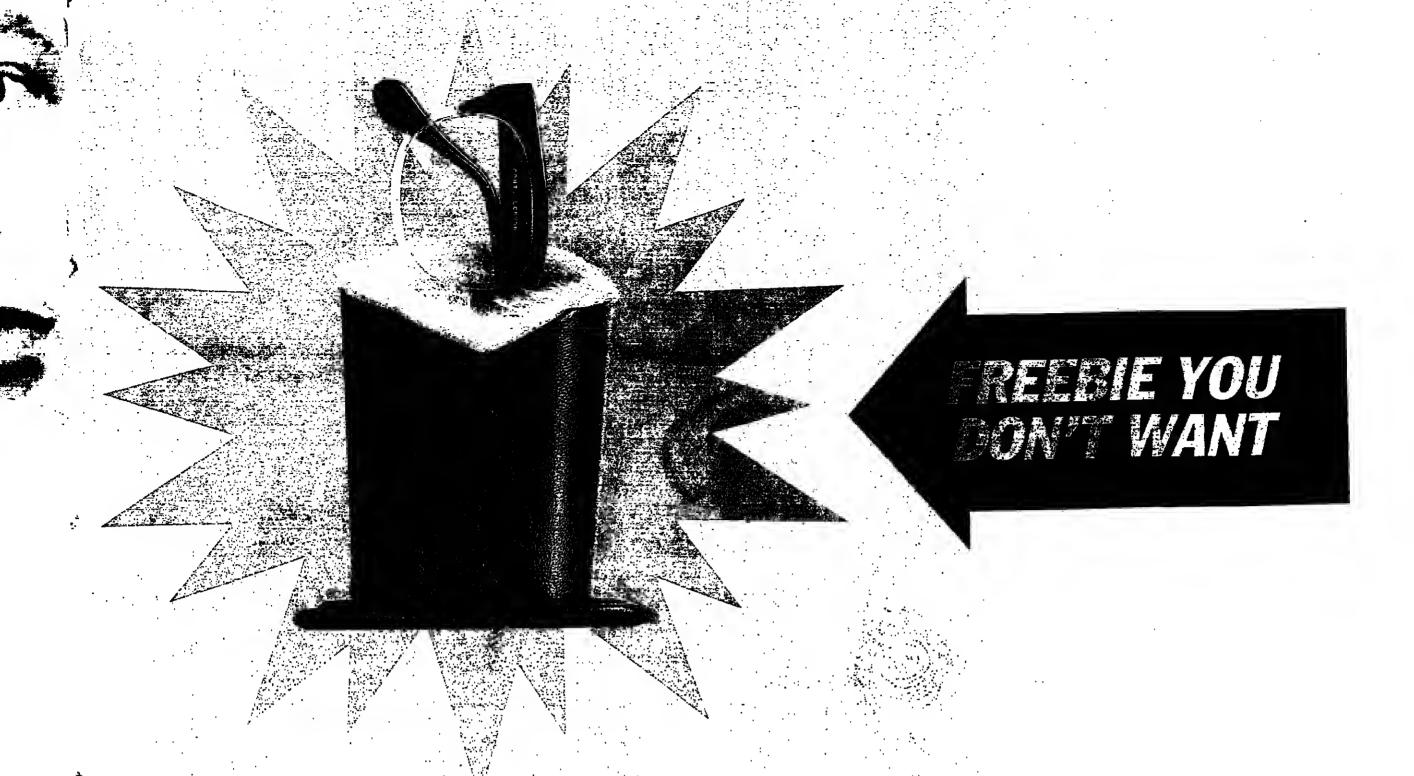
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JOHN LYTTLE

Michael Barrymore's letting the side down, and after such a splendid start: throwing his wedding band into the crowd at the White Swan to the anthemic strains of 'New York, New York'. I quote: 'Start spreading the news, tell everyone I'm gay'

Like skinning the proverbial cat, there's more than one way to Come Out. Actually, there are the right way - the role model way - and there's the way we mustn't mention. The wrong way, the way that, oh dear, reflects badly on the here-and-queer everywhere. The right way is, of course, the route Labour MP Angela Eagle recently took: "Coming Out", she hopes, means she will be under less strain and can now just concentrate on getting on with the joh she loves. Now I am at the stage where I need to get things sorted ...

Which shows not merely an obvious dignity, but also how easy it is to pour one's self unconsciously into a pre-approved grand narrative. Well, everyone's got one. Even heterosexuals. There's the anointed substance and meaning of Marriage and Family, except Marriage and Family - concentrate, might be no minor task. But please - is a statement so all-pervasive as not to appear even faintly ideological, while Coming Ont proves that the personal is not only (yawn) political, but helplessly. hopelessly, propaganda, too.

Which makes Coming Out the sugar-coated iceherg of public deektrations. Nine-tenths of the announcement lurk below the surface. And what rises above the. water line might be said to pander to yet another form of prejudice, albeit avowedly liberal and awfully polite.

Thus the new, improved Coming Out focuses on how supportive our families have been and not on how Mom and Dad screamed not to darken their doorstep again. We wax lyrical about our invariably long-term partner - we've known them all of three days - and downplay the 1,001 relationships ruined through shame and secrecy. We prat on about our higher state of consciousness and neglect past erratic behaviour - possibly drunken binges and perhaps even drugs: whatever steadied our raw nerves for that final big step. For casual nobility is the current keynote of Coming Out. Indeed, you're being brave, hut, no, you're not being radical. In fact, how does it go? It ure of Dorian Gray. Trust me -you goes so: your sexuality is one of the least important aspects of who

Mustn't heap guilt: not on those sympathetic, or could be persuad- allow.

ed to be. Mustn't whine: that might seem weak. Most important: mustn't ever, ever appear a mad or angry mess. Wear your best make-up.

In short, the act of Coming Out must present itself not as a phase you career through hut as unquestioned destination, solution and de facto tale of success. Whether they like it or not, and no matter that Coming Out is an ongoing and essentially private psy-ehotogical process, Chris Smith, Stephen Twigg, Ben Bradshaw must be portrayed as somehow magically complete, as grinning pinups for mental health. And never mind that many individuals - whisper it if you dare! - are perfectly content inside the closet. They may be at perfect peace with their own onsciences hut there are those lofty minds who think these decisions are far too important to be left in such selfish hands. Outrage has The Cause and the tabloids have Circulation and each believes, in its own hard, twinned heart, that bullying Rabbi Lionel Blue to spill his guts was no more than right and proper. We must be prepared to sacrifice - and the sacrifices had best be prepared, also.

Luckily Lionel Blue was pre-

pared; a man who knew (most things) about himself. And then there's Miehael Barrymore. Michael Barrymore weaving, stumhling and staggering across the dance floor of my local gay disco three weeks ago. There the TV comic swayed, swigging a can of Stella, a sight too grabby in his clumsy cruising, sniffing from a bottie of poppers, a man barely aware of his surroundings, and, worse, a (spoilt for choice) two ways. There's man barely aware that since the sacred rite of Coming Out he is no longer permitted to be the Judy Garland du jour. Every doubt is meant to have gone somewhere over the rainbow. Yet Michael will insist on flying back to the ball and chain - if only to leave her again - except, unfortunately, closets with revolving doors aren't an officially recognised design, particularly when the door sticks. Besides, boo hoo, he's letting the side down, and after such a splendid start: Michael throwing his wedding band into the crowd at the White Swan to the anthemic strains of "New York, New York", I quote: "Start spreading the news, tell

everyone I'm gay ... A splendid start and a major hint that taking (the) Michael whether Coming Out or Falling Apart, we're primed to think that the performer's sexuality is the problem, and, frankly, who knows if it is? Perhaps it's his tortured childhood. Perhaps it's poor scripts. Perhans it's those suits. Though try imparting these dull alternatives to the boys cutting a rug and cutting Barrymore dead on the dance floor three weeks ago; the contemptuous pack instinctively backing off from what it presumes to be an injured animal, when all the poor sod might be doing is Coming Out at his own pace - and to his own rules.

Could be that Barrymore isn't a loser. Maybe he simply isn't lincar, ready, steady ... huh, stop. Rewind, Let's have a retake, All the traumas that are meant to be resolved in the shadows so that Coming Out can flaunt itself as a fait accompli, Barrymore has been obliged to deal with in the limelight. He's merely enacting a celebrity version of what every homosexual goes through, but does this earn the man empathy or provoke scorn? Hazard an educated guess. The creed of Coming Out imagined it had got itself a poster boy and hridies at being saddled with The Piccan't have the one without the other, no matter in which order they appear. That's life. But life, alas for Barrymore, and alas for us, straights who would call themselves is an ambiguity propaganda can't

My mother, her lovers, my sister, and me



After Jessica Blake's mother walked out on her husband, she had one lover after another. How did Jessica and her little sister cope with the new men in Mummy's life? Or more to the point, how did the admirers cope with two little girls and their secret sibling codes of

My mother always had one on the go as far as I can remember and last year she had three. I couldn't believe it -57 and still raring to go. Now at least she is married again, so I guess we won't hear extraordinary tales for a while.

behaviour?

swept up in the rollercoaster ride of my mother's various drathrough the door was a potential father-figure to us. I must have had at least 10 dads before I hit my teens.

Her lovers seemed to come in different shapes and sizes. I didn't meet all of them, but her descriptions of the others were to Italian restaurants and givalways so vivid that it didn't really matter. There was the short and rather stumpy doctor, who had a beard and drove a beige Ford Cortina. My mather used to say she felt her bottom was a mark of acceptance. It can't being dragged along the ground only have been that, though; and

was so low. pictured her going out with someone ith furry dice swinging from the window, but she did: I even remember her conducting

extraordinary ritual for him before a date. She teased her nipples with a tooth-brush to make them more erect. I was fascinated. At the age of nine I didn't really know what she was up to-

Then there was Irish Jack, who I considered a real sweetie. He gave my younger sister and me £5 each as we left Euston station in the sleeper bound for a school holiday in Scotland. My mother had only met him when he came to borrow a corkscrew - at least that was her story. He seemed much younger than her, had Heathcliff-type hair and wore jeans. I could see why she chose him. He had a twinkle in his eye and a roguish smile which both my sister and I fell for.

I'm not sure what happened Looking back, I wonder how to him, hut it seemed to stop we all coped. It seems strange after Scotland. I remember my that she was only 32 when she mother being particularly dumped my dad and took full gloomy. I think she had finally responsibility for three young found someone she thought children. I think my elder broth- we would accept. There is always that extra element when having been the man of the mothers date which makes it house from the age of eight, he much more difficult - how will wasn't about to put up with any my lover and loved ones get on? competition. My little sister Looking back, she was right and I. on the other hand, had about us. Certainly my brother no means of escape. We were wasn't so elusive, and my sister and I had a hit of a crush. But he just can't have wanted the mas. Every lover that came hurden of taking on so much,

My two other favourites were James and Nigel: James, because he bought us our first colour television and bought me one of those giant sets of art felttip pens; Nigel, for taking us out ing us all flippers and snorkels when we went oo our first holiday abroad when I was II.

Looking back, it does appear that presents featured highly as

unlike the time with Jack, appearance had hriefly ceased to matter. Perhaps that was when I realised looks weren't all. They certainly haven't been top of my list in my own somewhat chequered dating game

There were a few of her lovers I really couldn't bear, and I know I used to cause trouble. When they picked her up I would yell from the top of the stairs, desperate to drag her away from their clutches. Now I realise it was plain jealousy, but at the time I felt pure venom.

Neddy the Greek was far too amorous, and looked to me like ter adored him too, which made it even harder. Gone was my ally with whom to bitch and dissuade. Perhaps he really would become our new father. But he

Tristan was another. All wizened like a dessicated bird, and what looked like no penis to match. He wore hizarre knickerbockers on occasion, and we knew full well he dyed his hair. He was always overaffectionate and used to creep up to me and my sister and plant a wet, squidgy kiss on our cheeks. Now I realise he must have had a penchant for young girls. He used to positively beam when we had friends for tea and rush around offering refreshments. To this day, he still makes my skin crawl as I re-

holiday snaps of my sister. Thank God be was despatched

The muffin man was different, though. At least we thought he was. Before we had even met him we fantasised about him being our next father. He was shrouded in mystery. Largeboxes of Belgian chocolates began to appear in the fridge. and strange foods from Marks & Spencer. My sister and I were only used to the staples from Sainsbury's, so we thought he must be exotic. He would send postcards signed "the muffin man" and bouquets signed "S

Finally, after much wingeing and whining, we met him. Our illusions were shattered for ever. It wasn't that he wasn't kind or charming, asking us about school and our friends. It was more his appearance that let us down. Over the weeks and mooths we had built him up to be some sort of cross between Starsky and Roger Moore, two of our favourites of the moment. As he opened the door to his house we couldn't believe our eyes. Both my sister and I had. pitched our view at least seven feet up, but had to adjust immediately to about five foot four. He was wineey, greyhaired and strangely tanned. We ate cakes in his garden while our

never give in.

ing. Another one bites the dust! At least he didn't have chil-

dren. These lovers were the worse. Top of the bill was Archie. All hair and teeth, as far as I can remember, and a weird crusty skin condition that made. us gag. He had two daughters who lived with their mother in Dorking. They looked swful and spoke as if they had been put through a mangle.

My sister and I looked at each other. The secret sibling code had kicked in. How could she, we both thought ~ and Dorking, I ask you. We crossed every appendage and begged the Lord that we would never see them again. Thankfully, He answered our prayers and Archie hit the high jump.

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My mother never let any of these men stay the night. I sometimes wondered where she did it. She just used to go out a lot. Once she came back early. It can't have been a success. I was thrilled. I actually saw her before I went to bed and wasn't packed off by a babysitter who couldn't wait to bave some peace. On reflection I don't think she can have been that happy with the staying-out arrangement. The day after the night hefore, she would always seem a little crabby and mumhie expletives under her hreath from M". We quizzed my moth- about the trouble with men, the er relentlessly, but she would cat and having children.

I always wondered what possessed my mother and where she found this odd assortment. She did have a drama school background, looked groovy and liked to flirt. But most of all she liked to be attached.

I think her own father's absence must have played a part. Mine certainly has: history does seem to be repeating itself as 14. move from one relationship to another in search of a permanent father-figure.

The irony of all this is that now that I am the same age as she was then, I wouldn't dream of putting my love life on hold, even knowing the effects asi well as I do. "They fuck you up your mum and dad," according to Philip Larkin. I sometimes member how he ogled over mother looked anxious. She think we were far worse,

Come off it Nicola, who are you trying to kid?

Until her sacking hit the headlines earlier this year, nobody knew much about Nicola Horlick -

then suddenly everybody wanted to know more. What was she really like and what did it all mean? Now that extracts of her book have been published, it's perfectly clear - to everyone except Nicola herself,

that is. By Ann Trenemon.

Here was a City high-flier who wasn't afraid to fight back when Morgan Grenfell fired her earlier this year. Here was a mother of five who still managed to get the lipstick on straight. Nicola Horlick was gutsy, she was savvy, she was

So she should have been our hero. But somehow she wasn't. Your all just jealous," a (male) colleague said. Perhaps. After all, Nicola made a fortune while the rest of us were probably not earning even as much as the man at the next desk. Her children were not only well-behaved, but they had matching

outfits. She had the perfect nanny, a presentable husband,

a desirable address. But the uneasiness would not go away, and each time her name came up the queasiness returned. There was something strange about this woman who enjoyed giving us pearls of wisdom as much as she liked wearing the things around her neck. Her entire life seemed to be out of some Eighties time warp. She loved to juggle her life. She loved making lists. Life was fran-tic hut full. Something was wrong, though it wasn't easy to say what.

Now we know, thanks to an interview in The Daily Telegraph and its serialisation of her new book (yes, Nicola writes, too) called Can You Have It All? I don't know why she bothered to make it a question, since she clearly knows the answer. "I am a planner. I have an electronic diary and my Economist diary because I have to think months ahead," she said. This attitude extends to the conception of her children, all of whom were born at the end of the year so that her maternity leave could include the Christmas holidays. "I am just very lucky. I have a perfect 28-day cycle. I know pre-

cisely when I am ovulating."



It is no surprise to discover that Nicola was hyperactive as a child and still only sleeps six hours a night. She feels unwell if she has a lie-in. She is an overachiever in almost every way. She likes her kitchen shiny, her children well-scrubbed, her husband in the background. "I'm very traditional. I think a woman is responsible for thinking about everything - the children, the loo paper," she says. She may be a demon, but she can also be demure about it.

None of this is what is wrong with Nicola, however. So what if she is a control freak? Most chronic over-achievers are. The thing that is wrong here is that she is in absolute denial about what it means to be a working mother. She believes - and is not shy of saying so - that she

would give up work if she felt that her children were suffering in any way. This from a woman who gave a successful presentation for a \$750m account while her leukaemia-stricken daughter, Georgie, lay in hospital on the critical list. Her boss was away, she says, and she simply had to do it.

Evidently Nicola talks a great deal about the importance of the maternal instinct and points out that her husband and her children back her 100 per cent. "If I felt my children were suffering in any way, of course I would give np," she says.
"Not least because if Georgie died I might well feel guilty for not having seen enough of her. I told Georgie, 'Don't worry, Mummy will give up work,' and she said, 'Don't, you'll be bored.' But I've never felt guilty. I really haven't."

I haven't heard this kind of thing for years. It used to be quite the thing to offer up such justifications for working outside the home. I know because I have interviewed scores of working mothers on the subject. Everyone's husband and children were 100 per cent behind them. There was a lot of talk about giving quality, not quantity time, to their children. "I'm more.

really working for the sake of my family," said women who, seemed to me to be working for; the sake of their sanity. "My children will always come first and they know that."

Gradually we started admitting that things might be a little more complicated. We gave up the idea that you can cram a whole day of parenting into an hour in the morning and an hour at night and not suffer any consequences. We admitted that some of us were working for ourselves, not our families. In our hearts we now know that we cannot have it all. As I write this, my children are at home missing me. They want me to be there and I am not there for them. That is the reality of being a working mother and that is the reality that Nicola Horlick never acknowl-

This lack of awareness means we have little to learn from her. Her views may be interesting in a freakish sort of way, but there is nothing of the role model in them. The challenge of the Nineties is to find new ways to balance work and bome for both men and women. That's the future and Superwoman doesn't live there any

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Red Skelton

Richard Bennett (Red) Skelton, actor and comedian: born Vincennes, Indiana 18 july 1910; married 1931 Edna Stillwell (marriage dissolved 1943), 1945 Georgia Maureen Davis (deceased: one daughter, and one son deceased; marriage dissolved 1972), 1973 Lothian Toland; died Rancho Mirage, California I7 September 1997.

A red-haired, rubber-faced comedian who was one of MGM's top stars in the Forties, Red Skelton excelled in zany, bubble-headed characterisations and such sketches as his famous "Guzzler's Gin" routine, in which, while doing a commercial for the potent product, he became hilariously drunker. Often compared to Buster Keaton - he remade sevcral Keaton films, and Keaton was a gagman for him at MGM - he is less warmly remembered today, and his champions profess that his greatest work was on American radio and television.

Born Richard Bennett Skelton in 1910 in Vincennes, Indiana, he was singing for money in the street at the age of seven. His father, a circus clown, died when he was two months old, and his mother worked as a charlady (Red was the youngest of her four sons). The poverty-stricken family lived in an artic, and Skelton left school at the age of 10 to join a medicine show, spending the rest of his youth entertaining wherever he could find an audience - showboats, minstrel shows, circuses, hurlesque theatres. He graduated from hurlesque to the more respectable music-halls when he formed a double act with a former usher, Edna Stillwell (they married in 1931).

It was a long apprenticeship, but eventually, on the strength of a doughnul-dunking routine he developed, he was given a spot in the Paramount Theatre, New York, in 1937 which led to his radio début on the Rudy Vallee show. Listeners loved his act, and a year later be had hecome popular enough to be given the job of MC for the launch of President Roosevelt's infantile paralysis campaign in

938 (as Richard Skellon) in the on Esther Williams, who later

RKO film Having Wonderful Time, performing his doughnutdunking routine as part of his role as a summer-camp entertainer, and followed this with appearances in some Vitaphone shorts. MGM signed him to a contract in 1941, and after trying him out in supporting roles, notably as a wellmeaning but slow-witted orderly in two Dr Kildare films, gave him the leading role of the Fox, a radin detective who finds himself involved in a real-life adventure, in Whistling in the Dark (1941). The slapstick comedy-thriller was a hit, and MGM starred Skelton in two sequels, Whistling in Dixie (1942) and Whisiling in Brookhn (1943) - all three had Ann Rutherford as his leading lady.

The film version of Cole Porter's Broadway hit Panama Hattie (1943) demonstrated the studio's regard for their new comedy star - in the second part of the film its musical aspects arc forgotten for the extended haunted-house antics of Skelton and his coborts Rags Ragland and Ben Blue. Skelton was then given the plum role of a cloakroom attendant who dreams he is King Louis to Lucille Ball's DuBarry in a lavish Technicolor musical, DuBarry was a Lady (1943), another much-bowdlerised Cole Porter show. Gene Kelly was the romantic lead, but the film was dominated by Skelton (in a role created by Bert Lahr on

Broadway) and Ball. Co-starred with Eleanor Powell in I Dood It (1943, a loose remake of Keaton's Spite Marriage), Skelton had a pardeularly funny scene in which he tries to deal with a drugged, completely comatose and seemingly rubber-limbed Powell. This was one of many ideas which had earlier been used in films of Buster Keaton and which the great silen1 star, then working as a gagman at MGM. reworked for Skelton. Though the two men's styles were totally dissimilar. Keaton later stated thal he loved working with Skelton, and the two became good friends.

In the all-star Thousands Cheer (1943), Skelton did a guest spol competing with the child star Margaret O'Brien to eat the most ice-cream. Bathing Beauty (1944) was the first film He made his film début in 10 star the swimming champi-

ton's popularity: "I was lucky to have Red in my first big movie, because he was such a boxoffice draw." An enormous success, the film featured a classic Skelton routine (devised by Keaton) in which, having enrolled in a girls' school to be near his wife, he is forced to take ballet lessons (complete with tutu) and makes increasingly desperate efforts to free himself of a persistently adhesive chocolate wrapper while

Skelton was now at the peak of his film career, and his show Red Skelton's Scrapbook of Satire had been judged the third most popular programme on radio (the first two being The Bob Hope Show and Fibber McGee and Molly). In Ziegfeld Follies (1946), Skeltnn put nn film his "Guzzier's Gin" routine (retitled "When Television Comes"). Shot in just one day and directed by George Sidney, the sketch had originally been written by Edna for Skelton's first radio show, and had also been used for Skelton's MGM screen test (shot by Sidney). It remains a potent piece of perfectly honed clowning.

Then Skelton tried for pathos as the braggart hero of The Show-Off (1946), based on George Kelly's play, but audiences were not happy with his low-key characterisation, and his portrayal of a simpleminded movie fan in a screen version of the George S. Kaufman/Marc Connelly play Merton of the Movies (1947) also met with a tepid response, so it was back to slapstick with The Fuller Brush Man (1948) as a door-to-door salesman involved in murder.

This was made while he was on loan to Columbia as MGM tried to find suitable scripts. Kealon allegedly asked Louis B. Mayer to let him work with Skelton as an independent unil within the company, using his own stories, gags, production and directing. even offering not to take a salary until the films bad proved their box-office worth, hut Mayer refused to give

Kealon such authority. Skelton's next film, A Southern Yankee (1948), was, though, an unofficial remake of Kealon's classic The General, while one of its highlights is the recreation of a gag from

generously acknowledged Skel- Keaton's Jail Bait in which Skelton, passing between lines of both Confederate and Union armies, wears a uniform with one side blue and the other grey -both sides stop shooting when they see their own uniform.

In Neptune's Daughter (1949) Skelton was one of the quartet of stars (with Esther. Williams, Betty Garrett and Ricardo Montalban) who introduced Frank Loesser's Oscar-winning song "Baby, It's Cold Outside". Skelton's role as an inventor in The Yellow Cab Man (1950) allowed Keaton to rework gags from his shorts One Week and The Electric House and resulted in one of Skelton's funniest comedies, while Three Little Words (1950), in which Fred Astaire and Skelton played two songwriters, Bert Kalmar and Harry Ruby, gave him a comparatively straight role as baseball-loving Ruby. Watch the Birdie (1950) was

film for MGM, The Cameraman, but the studio were now investing less money in Skelton vehicles. Excuse My Dust (1951), a pleasant period piece with songs by Arthur Schwartz and Johnny Mercer, cast Skelton as a pioneer of the automobile and was Keaton's last gagman assignment at MGM, after which Skelton was part of a starry cast in the director Mervyn LeRoy's underrated remake of Roberta entitled Lovely to Look At (1951). Skelton's routine of a befuddled tenor with diction problems ("My dentist said I had wonderful teeth, great choppers but my gums have to come out") is among the film's highlights. Skelton's last MGM film

a remake of Keaton's own first

was The Clown (1953), a remake of the sentimental warhorse The Champ, and another misguided attempt at pathos. The same year Skelton's own show started on CBS Television and was an enormous success, It ran for nearly 20 years, during which time he created characters who became familiar to American audiences, such as the country humpkin Clem Kaddidlehopper, the boxer Cauliflower McPugg, Sheriff Deadeye, scourge of the West, Freddie the Freeloader (a tramp who never spoke) and the Mean Widdle Kid, who used the catchphrase 'I dood it". Skelton described them as



Skelton: 'I just want to be known as a clown'

"characters who remind the audience of someone they know."

Though he and Edna were divorced in 1943 (she later married the director Frank Borzage), she remained his business manager. In 1945 be married the model Georgia Maureen Davis. They had two children but the younger Richard died of leukaemia just before his 10th hirthday in 1958 and the grief-stricken Skelton embarked on a strenuous work schedule as therapy.

In 1972 Red and Georgia divorced and the following year he married Lothian Toland, daughter of the cincmatographer Gregg Toland,

Skelton made his final screen appearance in 1965 with a cameo in Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines, as a Neanderthal man trying to be a flying hird - it was one of the film's comedy highlights. Though wealthy, he continued to make occasional night-club America's Clowns". and television appearances,

Merril

Judith

josephine juliet Grossman (Judith Merril), science fiction writer: born New York 21 january 1923; married 1940 Daniel Zissman (one daughter; marriage dissolved 1947), 1949 Frederik Pohl (one daughter; marriage dissolved 1953), 1960 Daniel Sugue (marriage dissolved 1975); died Toronto 12 September 1997.

Judith Merril was one of those rare writers whose influence far outstripped her own written

Born Josephine Juliet Grossman, she took the name Merril after her first divorce, before her four-year marriage in the veteran science fiction writer Frederik Pohl in 1949. Her first story, "That Only a Mother", published in Assounding Science Fiction in 1948 and still anthologised today, set the tone for her fiction, exploring the powerful love of a mother for her radiation-deformed baby.

Her first and best novel was published a year later; Shadaw on the Hearth was unusual for its time in telling its story from the viewpoint of an innocent bystander - a housewife who has to draw on her own psychological resources to protect her children and horself in the face nf a nuclear attack on New York, and the unwelome advances of a male neighbour.

A later novel, The Tomorrow People (1960), a psychological mystery, is generally thought less emotionally powerful than her earlier work. She also cowrote two novels with Cyril Kornhluth in 1952, under the name Cyril Judd. The three space-travel novellas in Dauchters of Earth (1968), written in the mid-1950s, deal in different ways with the relationship between mothers and daughters. Merril was one of the few female science fiction writers in the 1950s and, in dealing with women's issues in a woman's voice, she was the forerunner of later feminist writers.

Merril's main significance to science fiction lies in her work as a critic for the Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction, and most of all as an anthologist; she edited around 20 anthologies. including 12 volumes of a high-- Tom Vallance ly regarded annual "Best of" series in the 1950s and 1960s. She was the most active American proponent of the "New Wave" of British science fiction of the 1960s, as exemplified in Michael Moorcock's groundhreaking New Worlds magazine; through this encouragement, and her own anthologies, she was responsible for launching the careers of many young experimental writers. She also campaigned for science fiction to be renamed, more accurately, speculative fiction, so emphasising the stories of social

> Merril moved from her native United States to Canada in 1968. Her donation of her own huge SF library formed the basis of what is now the Merril Collection of Science Fiction. Speculation and Fantasy at Toronto Public Library, one of the largest such research collections in the world.

(rather than scientific) extrap-

olation which she preferred.

- David V. Barrett

Jan Syse, politician, died Oslo 16 September, aged 66. Prime



Cécile Dolmetsch

Cécile Dolmetsch, musician: born Dorldng, Surrey 22 March 1904; married 1925 Leslie Ward (died 1989; one son, two daughters); died Haslemere, Surrey 8 August 1997.

Cécile Dolmetsch was the eldest and last surviving of Arnold Dolmetsch's four children by his third wife, Mabel: Her younger brother. Carl. died less than a month before her. Cécile and her siblings were taught in infancy to play the various period instruments in the Dolmetsch collection and joined in the family consort when quite small children. None of them could recall a life without music.

Cécile was the only member of the family who could sing, and in her younger days her small but sweet voice was heard at many Haslemere Festivals. However, her main contribution

to the field of early music was through her researching and resuscitation of the rare pardessus de viole and its literature.

She was born in 1904 in Dorking, Surrey, just before the family undertook an American tour and was left with a friend for the duration. Whilst in the United States Arnold accepted an offer from the pianomakers Chickerings of Boston to open a department for making early musical instruments. When he returned to England to settle the family's affairs in July 1904, he took his haby daughter back with him, sailing on the Minnehaha. They were accompanied by a nurse for Cécile and the two and a half fares cost £40.

When the trade recession of 1910 began to cripple manufacture in the US, Dolmetsch decided to leave. The following year he settled with his family at Fontenay-sous-Bois in France, having found a position

with Gaveau in Paris to make harpsichords.

Cécile always regarded those three childhood years in France as being a happy time. But Dolmetsch and Gaveau did not always see eye to eye and in 1914 the family was again on the move. This time they returned to London on the eve of the Great War, which must have been a daunting experience for the children who had already lived on two continents.

In 1917, when the air-raids became unbearable, the Dolmetschs moved from their house in Tanza Road, Hampstead, to settle in Haslemere in Surrey and the family has remained in the same house ever since. It was from here that Arnold Dolmetsch launched the first Haslemere Festival in

That same year Cécile married Leslie C. Ward, one of the craftsmen from her father's workshop; he was also a musician who played the violone in the Festival and in addition, an expert recording engineer, a skill which came in very useful when he organised a series of LPs recording the performances of his wife and her

Cécile Dolmetsch will be re-

fellow musicians.

membered principally for her researches into the pardessus de viole, a descant instrument with a very high range developed in 18th-century France, where it was very popular with amateur musicians. She worked tirelessly to unearth manuscripts and publications in French libraries and gradually managed to build up a repertoire for this little-known member of the viol family. She found solo music by Thomas Marc, Jean Barrière. Caix d'Hervelois and others, and for many years she was the only person to perform

in public on this instrument. Together with 1ther artists she gave annual concerts in

Galleries and later at the Great Drawing Room of the Arts Council in St James's Square where the 18th-century acoustics were perfect for such performances. She also plaved every year at the Haslemere Festival, her last appearance being at the 66th in 1990 when she used her beautiful Guersan instrument dated 1761. When her sister Nathalie

London, at first at the Chenil

Photograph: Kubal Collection

and had a lucrative sideline as

a painter of clowns. "I don't

want to be called 'the greatest',"

Skelton once said, "I just want

to be known as a clown because

to me that's the height of my

profession. It means you can do

everything - sing, dance and,

above all, make people laugh."

farewell performance at Car-

negie Hall, his hilling describ-

ing him simply as "One of

In 1990, aged 80, he gave a

died in 1989, she succeeded her as president of the Viola da Gamba Society, which they had inintly founded in 1948.

Cécile Dolmetsch was teaching right up to her death. She was an inveterate traveller and at the age of 92 took herself on a package tour of the Italian lakes; only a year or so earlier she had been doing some researches in north Africa. She was uptimistic by nature and possessed considerable charm of personality.

- Margaret Campbell

minister of Norway 1989-90, and a "fanatical moderate".

BIRTHS. MARRIAGES & DEATHS

DEATHS

WHALE: The Rev J.S. Whate, theologian and leacher, in Edinburgh on 17 September, aged 100; survived by his neptember, aged 1005 survived by his widow Mary. Funeral at Warriston Cremstorman, Cloister Chapel, War-riston Road, Edinburgh, on Wednes-day 24 September at 10.15 am.

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tor and composer, 1705; The Rev William Kirby, entomologist, 1759; Henry Peter Brougham, first Baron Brougham and Vans, Lord Chancellor, 1778; Valentin Bender, clarinettist and composer, 1801; William Dyce, painter, 1806; George Cadbury, chocolate manufacturer and social re-former, 1839; William Hesketh Lever, first Viscount Leverhubo soap manufacturer and philan-thropist, 1851; Arthur Rackham, ilhistrator, 1867; Giuseppe Saragat, president of Italy, 1898; Ricardo Cortez (Jacob Krantz), actor and di-rector, 1899; William Gordon (Billy) Reid, popular composer, 1902; Gustaf Allan Petterssen, composer, 1911; Sir William Gerald Golding, novelist and Nobel prizewinner, 1911 Deaths: Meyer Amschel Rothschild, banker, 1812; Giovanni Battista Donati, astronomer, 1873; James Abram Garfield, 20th US President, after being shot 1881; Thomas John Barnardo, physician and philanthropist, 1905; Pauline Frederick (Beatrice Pauline Libbey). stage and film actress, 1938; Raimi (Jules Muraire), actor, 1946; Stella Maria Sarah Miles Franklin (Brent of Bin Bin), novelist, 1954; Sir David

Alexander Cecil Low, cartoonist,

1963: Chester Floyd Carlson, inventor of xerographic copying system, 1968; Roy Kinnear, actor and comedian, 1988. On this day, led by Ed-ward, the Black Prince, the English defeated the French at the Battle of Poitiers, 1356; Auckland, New Zealand, was founded, 1840; Melville Reubeo Bissell, inventor, patented the first carpet-sweeper, 1876; the Germans 100k Kiev, 1941; William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw" stenced to be hanged, after trial at the Old Bailey, 1945; St Christopher and Nevis became in-dependent, 1983. Today is the Feast Day of St Emily de Rodat. St Goer-icus or Abbo, St Januarius of Ben-evento, St Mary of Cereveilon, St Peleus and his Companions, St Sequanus or Seine. St Susanna of Eleutheropolis and St Theodore of

Lectures

National Gallery: Humphrey Wine, "18th-Century France: Chardin's

childreo", Ipm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Beth McKillop, "Porcelain in China and Korea", 2.30pm.

Dinners

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders

The Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Sir Roger Cork, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their Ladies and the City Marshal, were present at a Ladies Dinner given by the Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders al Goldsmiths' Hall. Foster Lane, London EC2, yestenday. The Master, Mr Richard Vanderpump, presided. The Lord Mayor, Sir Barry Sheen and the Senior Warden, Mr Simoo

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The Rev William McCalloch, to St Andrew's.
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The Rev Thomas Bryson, in Lockside, Dum-

The Rev Elizabeth M.O. Robertson, to Ladywell, Bannockburn.
The Rev Gordon Heug, to Boyndie with Ordenhill and Cornhill. **URDINATION**

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The Rev Irane Charlton, from Auchaber with Auchterless to Whatsay and Sharnes. The Rev Manson C. Merchant, from Invertip. The Rev Andrew Greaves, from Glams. erarity and Kinneldes.

RETIREMENTS
The Rev George Prenisce, from Martyrs', Paydey.
The Rev James, Blankie, from St Andrew's Wal-lace Green, Berwick on Tweed and Lowick.
The Rev Robert Symmaton, Community Munister at Lorn and Mull,
The Rev Stewart Jeffrey, from Banff with King

The Rev W. Stewart Wilson, from Kirkendbright.
The Rev. A. MeLuren Smith, Irom Combras,
The Rev Lawson Brown, from Cameron with The Rev Lawren Brown, from Cameron with St Levnard's, St Andrews.
The Rev James F. Scott, from Dyce, Aberdeen.

The Duke of York attends the Maharais Duleep Singh Centenary Trust Dinner at Weatworth Golf Club, Surrey. The Princess Royal visits Harewood House to see an exhibition marking the cen-terary of the birth of Princess Mary, the Princess Royal, at Moor House, Hare-wood Estate, Leeds, West Yorkshire; and visits Timeform House in its 50th anniversary wear. Halifar West, Vork.

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavairy Mounted Reg-iment mounts the Queen's Life Guard

anniversary year, Halifax, West York-shire. The Duke of Kent attends a con-

cert by the Prussia Cove Group, Prussia Cove, Penzance, Cornwall.

Synagogue services Details of synagogue services to be held lomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following, Sabba begins in London at 6.52pm.

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Auntie seems to have forgotten her public duties



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No one has ever explained to the British people, who pay for the BBC, why they need a 24-hour news service which provides all BBC news programmes. This is a failure of management as well as of vision. Perhaps there is a case for a homogenous oews operation, absorbing all the BBC's news journalists in a single night-and-day sub-empire, all oo a single rota and under centralised cootrol. Perhaps. But if there is a case for it, it has not been made. Neither to the BBC's staff, who admittedly have a vested interest in keeping things as they are, nor, more importantly, to the public. John Birt, the BBC director-general, once famously wrote of the mission to explain. It has turned out to be a more difficult crusade than he could ever have imagined. His great drive to transform BBC journalism, launched 10 years ago, was like the building of the Tower of Babel. It was an ambitious and inspiring vision, of a BBC that confidently seized its chance, as a public service

hroadcaster, to engage in a new kind of reporting. It would treat issues in greater depth, as part of a story about people's lives that made sense, rather than as an episodic series of sensations and conflicts. Specialists were recruited, units set up, new programmes launched. But the other part of the ambitious vision was that of a BBC run efficiently, a modern, tightlymanaged organisation able to compete in the expanding media marketplace so that, as the licence fee came under pressure, the ideal (and finances) of public service broadcasting could be defended.

And that is the part of the vision which went horribly wrong, hampering con-struction of the new edifice in a babble of management jargon. Much good was achieved. Huge tracts of programmemaking have been contracted out, and greater efficiency has been achieved at the bottom of what is left. But the corridors of Television Centre are still crowded with managers and bureaucrats. Meanwhile the commitment to a different kind of journalism is all but forgotten.

For all the Birtian revolution, the BBC remains a top-heavy organisation. It came as no surprise yesterday when Tony Hall, head of BBC News, retreated oo the latest proposals by in effect promising another layer of managers. The point of the plan that has caused Naughne, Humphrys. Ford and all to rise in revolt was to abolish the post of editor for each news programme. The primary justification was cost-cutting. It all sounds like the kind of plan that would be dreamt up by management consultants with no understanding of journalism. By yesterday morning Mr Hall had suggested "associate" editors for each programme, with "executive" editors above them as part of the central operation. This is a classic pattern in dysfunctional organisations, in which misdirected attempts to make them more efficient meet opposition and are then diverted into creating even less efficiency.

However, Mr Hall has retreated, and he should be allowed the credit for that. The BBC should be open to public debate about how it is run, and he deserves two cheers for postponing the plans for six weeks. Its celebrity presenters may not always be the best judge of the BBC's responsibility to the licence-payer, but on this occasion they are absolutely right that journalistic excellence is more likely to be fostered by loyalty to a small unit, such as a programme with its own identity, rather than some mega-bureaucracy such as the

But we can only guess the motives of the BBC's bosses, because it does not seem to have occurred to them that public dehate was necessary or desirable. It would have been better if the BBC had attempted to answer the questions that are now being asked before announcing such dramatic changes. And it is no use the rest of us appealing now, after the horse has bolted, to the Board of Governors, the Great and . Good part-timers who are supposed to act as the guardians of the public interest. As a public hroadcaster, the BBC's own management should be conscious of their mission to explain themselves, all the time, to the licence-payers.

Nor is this the first time the corporation has been taken unawares by the public reaction to changes that it has announced without consultation. In the case of the proposed abolition of lesterday in Parliament on Radio 4, it would not simply have been a matter of common sense to consult MPs beforehand, but a matter of public duty. The BBC is not like BSkyB, and it must take its civic obligations seriously.

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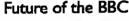
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The BBC has a responsibility to explain what it is up to, both to the public directly and through them to their representatives in the House of Commons. This is a responsibility that should not be shuffled off to the Board of Governors. It should be borne by the director-general himself.

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LETTERS



Sir: The cootroversy over John Birt's proposal to abolish the posts of all editors and deputy editors of BBC news programmes ("Open war at the BBC as stars revolt", 18 September), both on radio and television is far more important than just an internal argument about management.

A centralised editorial team is likely to produce a lowest common denominator of news and comment, with none of the informal and trenchant questioning encountered on Today and Newsnight, Terminating the character and autonomy of BBC programmes of this calibre will both impoverish the quality of public life in Britain and undermine the BBC's unique and longstanding reputation for objectivity and ex-

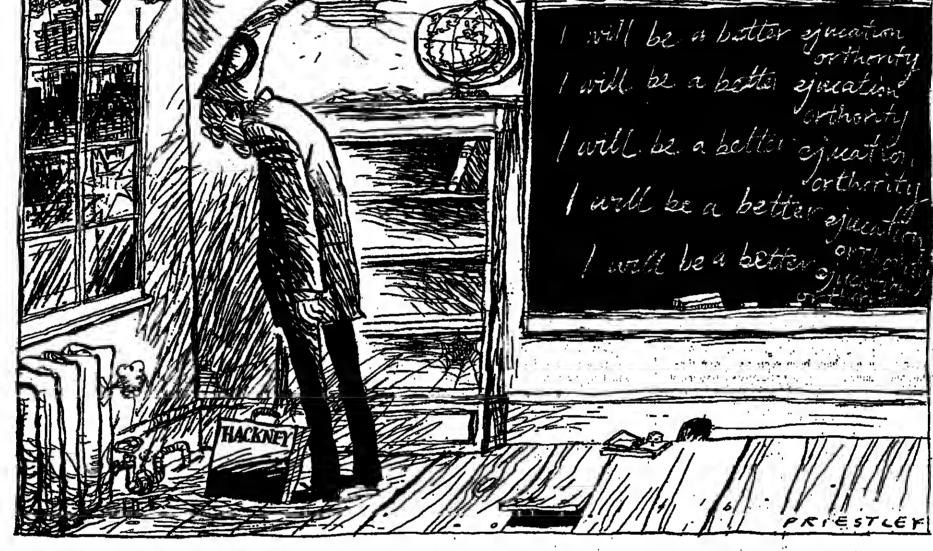
The explanations so far offered by the BBC's management have been confusing. On the one hand, listeners have been assured that there has been full consultation on the changes, over a year or more. On the other, news programme editorial staff have declared, both publicly and privately, that there has been little or no consultation. The insensitive comment of a BBC spokesman. to the effect that Mr Birt's decision could not be changed, and that only details could be discussed, does not elicit confidence.

It is crucial that a matter of such importance to the future of the BBC be discussed fully. both within and outside the BBC, before any decision is confirmed. SHIRLEY WILLIAMS

House of Lords London SWI

Sir: The BBC spends public money and we must spend it wisely. It is simply wrong to suggest that our structural changes in News will lead to programmes being created by a sausage machine" -- one very like another.

We will never lose sight of the fact that audiences want distinctive and eogaging programmes from the BBC. But we need to do that cost-effectively. We have to avoid duplicating ideas, resources and the treatme of of stories across the day. That means organising ourselves in a modern, efficient way



to meet the competitive challenges of the age.

Wherever we save money, we intend to invest it in newsgathering around the world and in the UK, producing more special programmes on radio and television and new services for our audiences. TONY HALL Chief Executive

BBC News London WI

Doctors' pay

Sir: Your leading article ("Top jobs with tough responsibilities merit top salaries", 18 September) quotes me selectively and pejoratively before going into attack.

The Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body was established with a clear remit to make recommendations on doctors' pay levels by reference to comparator professions.

The Independent may re-

gard comparability as an oldfashioned, Seventies concept. The British Medical Association does oot. It has led to fair and justifiable increases for the Prime Minister and his

colleagues. One can only assume that the Treasury did not seek to constrain the Senior Salaries Review Body with the same vigour that it is now attempting to impose on the Review Bodies governing doctors,

nurses and teachers. I object to the "doublewhammy" whereby governments seek to constrain the independent review bodies before they start their deliberations as well as reserving the right to stage or vary the awards after the review body has reported.

Of course I recognise that any increase in the salary bill for cabinet ministers, no matter how great, would have an imperceptible effect upon the

public purse. Surely this does not mean that medical staff should never be remunerated fairly for the increasingly heavy and complex responsibilities they bear.

I also object very strongly to the implication that doctors or the BMA bore any responsibility for the winters of discontent of the Seventies. Doctors have remained unswerving in their commitment to patients. The huge increases in the number of patients treated by the NHS have been achieved by sharply increasing the intensity, complexity and volume of work undertaken by doctors and other health service staff. It has been achieved. as Frank Dobson, the Secretary of State for Health, himself acknowledges, by dedicated staff working "flat out".

Dr A W MACARA Chairman of Council British Medical Association

Essex waste

Sir: Polly Toynbee made an error in her manifesto for recycling ("The battle incinerators vs recyclers". 16 September). There is no proposal to build four incinerators in Essex. We know that time is running out for Essex waste. So all 15 Essex councils are working together oo a future strategy including waste minimisation and recycling, and all the other waste options that are necessary because our landfill is running out.

Essex residents have been involved in commenting on the strategy, through area liaison groups for north, west and south Essex, and through a comprehensive booklet which is still available to your readers. LEWIS HERBERT Principal Engineer Waste Strategy Essex County Council

Chelmsford, Essex

Flu vaccinations

Sir: Your report (18 September) urging patients with colds and flu not to clog up GPs' surgeries makes a fair point.

However, it omitted to mention that flu can be a serious illness for many older people. The Department of Health advises that people with chronic lung. heart or kidney disease, or with diabetes or a damaged immune system, should seek an annual flu vaccination. Help the Aged promotes this message, because of the incidence of these conditions in our older population.

Whilst we support moves to cut out frivolous use of GPs' time, it is important to ensure that flu is taken seriously by those for whom it is a real risk. The vaccinations are 70 per cent effective, they minimise complications, and they save lives. MERVYN KOHLER Head of Public Affairs Help the Aged, London ECI

OK. That is the story that

Now, at present, the news

omes in to the BBC.

the story differently.

Supportive fathers

Sir There was nothing in the National Childhirth Trust survey on Birth in Britain about men fainting, being sick, needing medical treatment or distracting midwives ("Fathers seen as a nuisance at births", 15. September).

The survey found that while 84 per cent of women had their partner present, only 59 per cent said their partner was supportive. This raises interesting issues about what support women need in labour and who may be best able to provide it. It also raises questions about how well prepared *** men are for their partner being in pain and for giving sup-

port. The Audit Commission found that 25 per cent of women were left alone in labour at a time when it worried them not to have the support of a health professional. We need more midwives so that men are not being asked to do the impossible job of providing reassurance at a time when they themselves ma feel anxious and out of their depth.

We also need more discussion during pregnancy about which individuals might provide support alougside the midwife - partner, friend or both -- and what preparation they need for the role.

MARY NEWBURN Head of Policy Research National Childbirth Trust

Waiting at Tesco

Sir: When I go to my local petrol station I wait ages to pay for my petrol behind all the people paying for their groceries. At the local grocer's shop I wait equally long behind

people huying lottery tickets. Now it seems from the comments of the chief executive of Tesco ("Tesco raises stakes in supermarket banking battle", 17 September) that in Sainsbury and Tesco supermarkets I will soon be waiting ages behind people doing their banking business at the check-

Oh for the time when people stuck to their primary business and tried to do it well for the beoefit of all. JACK CAMPBELL Steyning, West Sussex

Now the corporation will find it much easier to suppress the 'Birt is an alien' story



MILES KINGTON

For those of us who do not work y like the death of Princess Diin the BBC, like you and me, it may be difficult to see why John Birt's proposed changes to the oews service are causing such a furore, but if you are someone who has a privileged insight into the workings of the BBC after many years standing in lifts and canteens at the BBC listening to other people gossiping, as I have done, then you are in a position to explain to the readers just what this really does mean.

So here we go. First of all you have to understand how a news story is treated at the BBC.

Let us follow a news story from its breaking-point to its disappearance.

Not a an extraordinary sto-

ana. If that happens, all programmes are cancelled and the whole of the BBC's resources are beamed on the story until everyone is sick to death of it. Then it goes on for another week or so after that point, until the BBC is sure it has gor its routines right for when the

Queen Mother pops off. No, let us take an ordinary, quite important story.

Let us suppose that the news agencies have picked up on a report that John Birt, directorgeneral of the BBC, is an alien from another planet who has been lodged at the top of our most important broadcasting company to destabilise the world for a possible invasion.

The circumstantial evidence

has been pointed out that John Birt has no obvious human characteristics at all.

He never seems to lose his

temper, or defend himself, or indulge in arguments. He just' states what he wants. He is not old but has white

He dresses in a nondescript yet expensive way - as someone once said, be has all the lack of style that money can buy. He does not even look like

himself -- in some mysterious way, John Birt looks more like other people who look like him than he looks like himself, many of whom may also come from the same planet.

His published statements are in a language which is termed

seems quite strong. For years it "Birtist" talk, which is very like three or four executive editors. English but tinged with what people perceive as management gobbledegook. But it may oot be management gobbledewould be fed out to all the difgook at all. It is very like the ferent editors of the different kind of English which an expert programmes, and they would be hut not quite perfect alien given a free hand to interpret

would use and may reflect the

he makes his move and an-

nounces a radical shake-up

which would take power from

the human beings in charge of

news programmes and con-

way English is taught on other One might concentrate on Birt's early and strangely inept This alien being, then, has struggle to get a favourable tax been pot at the top of the BBC scheme going. in order to control our news services, and to start undermining the best reporters and creative news heads we have. One day

Another might focus on the way Birt has brought the BBC to a stuttering limp with his "producer choice" (a rather odd term which in fact means the process of eliminating the BBC's own resources and castrating its facilities).

Another might get in Ancentrate it in the hands of thony Howard and two other

"experts" to discuss whether in fact the BBC might not benefit from being run by expertise from another planet, hostile or

Design 'riot'

Sir: Dear oh dear. What have

they done to The Independent?

Tony Blair's vision for the future

(groan) all over the front page

instead of the news. Articles that

tuerge scamlessly together in the

rest of the paper. The new

Independent bears all the hall-

Sir: I like the look but please,

please can I have the "signifi-

cant shorts" column back. The

new layout cannot compete

with a family breakfast and we

have been late for school every

day since Tuesday as I search for

Bishopthorpe, North Yorkshire

Sir: Enjoy, you said. Enjoy, I

marks of design run riot.

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the news.

Mrs R E DUNN.

did. Thank you.

London SW17.

DAVID LEARNER

There might also be discussion of Birt's other-worldly lack of style in dress, his lack of a human presence, his apparent fear of anyone in the BBC who has creative or imaginative faculties, his dread of promoting individuality or anything with a strongly personal flavour, and so on -- all the factors which in fact do strongly suggest that Mr "Birt" is not of this world. but governed by an agenda

from another world. Under the new plans of Mr "Birt", all this will go. These editors will not have that kind of power any more. In fact, that

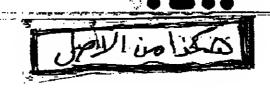
more. It will all go through some sort of centralised agency run by agents chosen personally

by Mr "Birt". So, under the new system. what will happen to the story that Mr "Birt" is actually a being from another planet sent to undermine the BBC and get rid of all dangerous elements in it?

The story will be referred to a central BBC news sorting office handling all news for radio and TV

After due consideration, It will decide not to run the item at all, but to drop it like a hot potato. Just you wait and see.

If this item does not appear under the new BBC news system, I think I will have made my



Can we trust the judges to make our laws?



DONALD **MACINTYRE** ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

We are on the hrink of a constitutional change which raises questions decidedly more fundamental than a Welsh Assembly. Next month the Government will publish a White Paper incorporating the European Convention of Human Rights into British law. The logic of this step is irresistible. Even now, when it is faced with a ruling that is in breach of the Convention, the British government invariably, if grudgingly, conforms.

The current immigration bill going through Parliament, for example, contains – in order to conform to a ruling by the European Court of Human Rights - belated provision for appeal against summary deportation on security grounds. But it seems crazy that to seek enforcement of the Convention, to which the UK has been a party since 1951, a citizen has to embark on the tortuous and often prohibitively expensive process of appealing to the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, on which no British judge sits, and which takes around five years

Anything more calculated to deter is difficult to imagine. Throughout the wide spectrum of non-Conservative opinion, and among some Conservatives as well, there is now agreement that it should be up to British courts, in the first instance, to apply the Convention. But there has been a protracted debate inside and outside Whitehall over just how it should be incorporated. Should the new system be like that in Canada, where the courts have the power to strike out laws made by parliament if they regard them as an infringement of the nation's Charter of Rights and Freedoms? Or should it be like that of New Zealand where the courts interpret the law as far as possible in accordance with the country's Bill of Rights, but cannot overturn statutes which they decide do not. In other words, in New Zealand, though not in Canada, it is still up to parliament and not the courts to change the law.

Here ministers have finally resolved the argument in favour of the more limited New Zealand model. During a lengthy discussion of the issue at the first meeting this week of the foint Labour-Liduem Cadinet Conf mittee. Paddy Ashdown and his colleagues were assured by the ministers that the White Paper has not yet reached its final draft. But Lord Irvine, the Lord Chancellor, has always heen a New Zealand man. Even Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, who had at one time leaned towards the more radical Canadian option, bas been persuaded that it would be better at least to start with the more modest form of incorporation. It's still possible that, as in Hong Kong, the courts will be given some power to repeal sections healthily monolithic, it's tempting to turn of previous legislation. But Tony Blair's willingness to devolve power - whether to the Bank of England, to a Welsh assembly, or a directly elected mayor of London - will not extend to handing judges the power to perfect old democracy.

render null and void laws made henceforth by his government.

This will upset a lot of people. Many of those in favour of constitutional reform believe that the only way to protect individual rights is precisely to give the courts the absolute right to strike down laws which are judged to undermine them. This is seductive. And especially after the dark years in which only indicial review restrained re-cidivist offenders like Michael Howard from chronically exceeding their powers. The dangers now may be different but they are potentially even greater. Wouldn't you rather have your freedom in the hands of those nice, liberal judges, the Woolfs and Richard Scotts and Binghams, than handed to a whips' office dedicated to the ruthless use of party discipline to act as the chief engine of an elective dictatorship?

Seductive, but, for at least two reasons, not conclusive. The first is that some rights have an awkward habit of conflicting with each other. Given the failure of successive governments, supine in their fear of the power of the press, to act on privacy, incorporation may produce a welcome body of case law curbing press intrusion. But the ECHRright to privacy could, on some occasions, conflict with the ECHR right to freedom of expression. The right to abortion, freely legislated by Parliament, could clash with an ultra-strict interpretation of the right to life. Should, as in the US, rights to self-protection make impossible the post-Dumbiane anti-gun legislation? And should rights of free assembly always supersede, for example in Northern Ireland, the security of the majority of citizens. This isn't a case against the enforcement of rights; it is a case against leaving that enforcement entirely to the unfettered and varying choices of individual judges. These decisions are essentially political; do we really want to deprive elected politicians of the power to make those decisions if they choose?

The other reason to hesitate is this; for all the highly-desirable expansion of judicial review during the last 20 years against abuses by ministers, judges haven't, in the round, proved themselves quite the reliable liberals the reformers like to think they are. In the new edition of his wonderful Politics of the Judiciary John Griffiths brings up to date - with the miscarriage of justice cases and the rulings against the press in the 1980s - his account of their record over the last 30 years. On issues from race relations to police powers and government secrecy, judges have been supporters, sometimes quite creative and pro-active supporters, of the "conventional, established and settled interests". As one of the most eminent legal academics in the country, Griffiths isn't. disrespectful of judges - just very clear about where their role should begin and end. Michael Howard's sentencing proposals may have been extreme; but elected politicians do have the right to have a penal polky, even it judges don't agree with it. And is their own record in using sentencing discrenon really so perfect? "Far more than on the judiciary," Griffiths writes, "our freedoms depend on the willingness of the press, politicians and others to publicise the breach of these freedoms and the continuing vulnerability of ministers... and other interests to accusations that these freedoms are being infringed." Especially at a time like this, when the media have been seduced, and the executive's parliamentary majority is unwishfully to the judges, even unelected judges appointed entirely by the government, and with retirement ages of 75. But in the end judges are no substitute for boring, im-

Britain is unbuttoning, but it will not bring the changes many expect



SUZANNE. **MOORE** ON THE **NEW MOOD**

We're only a couple of weeks AD-After Diana, and already we are asking if any of it meant anything at all really. "So what has really changed then?" friends ask, disappointed that I have not presented them with the Queen's head on a stick. Others, less cynical, more optimistically announce that Britain has unbuttoned and we that have entered some touchy-feely New Age which signifies a rebirth of national. identity. Yet the truth as they say, is somewhere out there and it is not the sort of thing that moulds itself into pre-determined political ideologies.

This is why the scuffle to find direct political correlatives for the public response to Diana's death was always going to be doomed. A cultural revolution cannot be reduced to the case for or against the monarchy. Hostility to the present Royal Family cannot be read simply as a form of direct action republicanism. But equally, arguing that the whole episode actually shored up the monarchy by forcing it to modernise itself slightly does not mean that an enormous amount of disquict was not expressed or that things can ever go back to

business as usual. The search for immediate and tangible political consequences reached a form of hysteria far more out of control than any of the behaviour exhibited by the dignified masses. We know, don't we, that something significant happened n couple of weeks ago. Yet the very vagueness of it all is diswho prese "significance" always to be wrapped up in little policy packages. The old Establishment was caught on the hop. There was no trickle-down effect in the grief for Diana. Rather this was a movement from the bottom up that did not so much proclaim the birth of a new order as illustrate how unconcerned we were with the old one.

For those in power this movement felt spontaneous. But in fact the signs have been out of self-interest. "Your life there for a long time. The desire for collective rituals has lives are better too," it says. struck more by the sense of



never gone away. For football fans and rave-goers or anyone who can remember going on demonstrations, the powerful experience of just being with huge numbers of others will not be new. The policing of all crowds; rehearsed during the miners' strikes and finessed by the continuing attacks on New Age travellers, revealed a government deeply fearful of any

gathering of people at all. The tragedies of Hillsborough and Heysel confirmed that crowds were essentially dangerous in Jenkins says, that the left has an orgasm every time it sees people on the streets, it is just unusual for such an event to be construed as unthreatening.

To say, though, that this is somehow the end of the gbastly individualism of the Eighties is another misreading. The need for communal ritual, for the acknowledgement of such a thing as society, can sit easily with a highly individualistic culture. The Blairite project promotes the idea of a fairer, more caring society precisely will be better if other people's

"And we must make other people's lives better not because of beliefs or ideologies but because you personally will benefit."
Likewise the "feminisation"

which it is too slick to call

Thatcherism - rather than a

What we are seeing is not so

much revolution hut the re-

placing of the old Establishment

by the new, I was amazed not

so much by the hostility to the

Royal Family as to the total in-

difference to it. It is the same

indifference that I feel reading

about the editor of the Telegraph

slugging it out with the owner

of the Daily Mail; it is the same

Indifference I feel about inter-

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culture should be challenged.

Whose culture is it anyway?

They are not central to my cul-

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sense of a new beginning.

of society, which recent events are said to have triggered, sits. alongside yet more surveys showing that men do as little housework as they ever did, that the glass ceiling remains intact in many professions, and that women still have far less leisure time than men. What I am suggesting, then, is that a culture can shift, a mood can change, themselves. It is not, as Simon new forms can emerge and yet many old structures can stay in sume that cultural shifts are somehow less "real" or less "meaningful" than the traditional manifestations of political power. What we have witnessed is, in Raymond Williams's phrase, a new "structure of feeling" that was already present hut surfaced as a result of Diana's death. It combines a number of things - some of which coincide with the coming to power of Blair, hut many of which don't

Talking to people in the crowds at the Palace I was pletely hy surprise at the strength of feeling that Diana's death provoked. The strength of the dominant

inant culture was taken com-

official culture is already precarious because it rests on . assumptions about the way we live which are no longer tenable. The "all drugs are evil" line is taughabite to large numbers of the population. It is not so much out of touch as merely irrelevant. Its tegitimacy is over-

ruled every weekend. The devolving of political power, seen as part of New Britain, has also to he seen in the context of cultural devolution - the moving away from the old centres of power to new and unexpected ones. It's good to see these old certainties being shaken and stirred. The image of a still dazed and confused Tory party that can't quite betieve the world in which it now finds itself is immensely cheering. On one level it feels as if this has bappened overnight, yet at another we know it's been years in the making. The sense of looking forward rather than backwards, the celebration of our booming arts industry, the storming of the academy by a new generation of artists, is all nicely upheat.

To gather up all this diversity, all these contradictory etements in the name of a post-modern form of nationalism - based not on allegiance to one's country but on allesense of "cool" - is to miss the point. The Government may need to do this but the rest of us don't have to. The need to divide up what's hot and what's not, what's new and what's old, is reassuring perhaps for those who feel the need a map around the country that they now feel foreign, uncomfortable and embarrassed to be in.

The people out on the streets for Diana were exactly the opposite. They felt at home, at case and that they belonged together. They did not need an official sanctioning and those whose job it is to give it may well feel redundant. Something that was perceived as only going on at the edges has moved inwards 'nal disputes about the restruc- and the centre cannot hold because it suddenly appears as one side the others for our attention. Will that really change things? Yes and no. It only means that we're just waking up to the extent to which things have already changed.

Fifteen years after the bloodbath, the world turns its back



ROBERT FISK IN SABRA AND CHATILA

Exactly to years ago, I walked into a place of such borror that - for the first and only night of my life - I suffered ferocious nightmares. I had walked into the Palestinian camps of Sabra and Chatila in Beirut while Israel's Lebanese militia thugs were still finishing their work of hutchery and rape. There were corpses covered in flies, disembowelled women, bahies with hullets in their heads. To cross one street. I had to clamber over a pile of bodies, their arms and stomachs and heads pressing around my legs. All that moved were the flies that covered my face and the minute hands of the watches on dead

pile was a mass grave. When I bid from the militiamen, I found myself crouching beside a beautiful young woman whose blood was still running from a hole in her back.

I stopped counting bodies when I reached 100. They say that 600 were killed although there is, I am certain, a mass grave near Beirut golf course which contains perhaps another 1,400 Palestinians - because truck-loads of bodies were seen being driven there under the eyes of the Israelis and because 000 was the number of refugees listed as missing after the slaughter. Either way, the Israclis had surrounded the camp, had sent in the milinamen to kill "terrorists" and had then - according to Israel's own commission of enquiry watched the killings going on

The world expressed outage. And Israel's minister of defence, Ariel Sharon, was sacked from his joh after the commission found that he bore "personal responsibility" for the atrocity. Israel identified the leader of the gunmen who entered the camp as n Lebanese militiaman called Elie Hobeika. The world demanded that

justice. And there were promises galore; a new Middle East peace, protection for the Palestinians, an end to the Lebanese bloodbath.

And yesterday, walking through the fifth and sewage and ruined (but still inhabited) huts of Sabra and Chatila, it was difficult to avoid the thought that the survivors of that most terrible massacre - understandably regarded in the Arab world as a war crime - have been kicked in the face by the world which expressed so much shame and revolsion. The mass grave is now covered in mud children were playing football on it yesterday morning - and the Palestinians live among 20ft high beaps of rat-infested garbage. The smell of faeces seeps out of doorways where old women buddle beneath fading monochrome photographs of their dead. "And what did the world do for us?" Deebeh Saleh Hussein asked me in the little hut she calls home. "What did you journalists do for us when you made

us re-open our wounds?" Deebeh Hussein lost her husband Younis, her four sons -Ghazi, Ahmed, Madi and Mohamed - her son-in-law Hussein

Saleb and his son Saleh, a cousin, the busband of another cousin and his 18-year-old daughter Afifi. All of them were hacked to death with axes by Israet's proxy militiamen. And when Deebeb Hussein asked me what the world had done for the people of Sabra and Chatila, I had to answer ber

with one word: nothing. Even in the immediate aftermath of the killings, the press concentrated on Israel's self-examination rather than the victims and their surviving relatives, not to mention the purpose of the slaughter. In its first cover issue on Sabra and Chatila, Newsweek's beadline read: "Israel in Torment". The other main reports were entitled: "The Anguish of America's Jews" and the "Troubled Soul of Israet" - and all this when one might have expected that torment and anguish to be uniquely that of Palestinians like Deebeh Hussein, whose entire family was cut to pieces in Beirut Not so, it seems. Had Palestinians massacred 2,000 Israelis 15 years ago, would anyone doubt that the world's press and television would be

remembering so terrible a deed.

wrists. On the other side of the the murderers be brought to Ali, her own brother Hussein a single newspaper in the Unit- structure. And quite incredible ed States - or Britain for that matter - has even mentioned the anniversary of Sabra and And why should they? For

the Palestinians in Beirut are

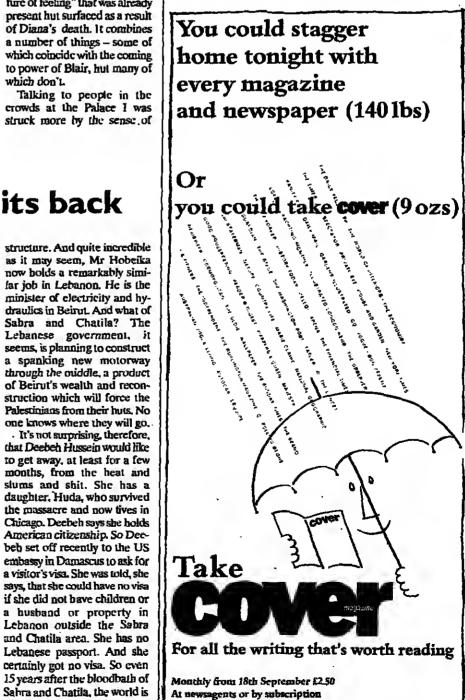
non-persons. They or their par-

ents fled from Palestine in 1948 - from that part of Palestine which became Israel - and can never return. They are cut out - totally - from the so-called Osio "peace process", save for a dismissive reference to "refugees" in the last section. Nor can they live in Lebanon in any sense of the word. They cannot work; they cannot have Lebanese citizenship. And they exist without protection. Three years after the massacres, Sabra and Chatila was eight times besieged by Muslim Lebanese militiamen. So many died under the shells that the Palestinians buried their dead in basements. I saw some of these subterranean graves yesterday, bedecked with dust-covered, withered wreaths.

And what of Messrs Sharon and Hobeika, the Israeli minister and the Lebanese Maronite whom Israel held responsible? Well, Mr Sharon is back in the Israeli cabinet as this morning? Yet this week, not minister of national infra-

as it may seem, Mr Hobeika now holds a remarkably simifar job in Lebanon. He is the minister of electricity and hydraulics in Beirut. And what of Sabra and Chatila? The Lebanese government, it seems, is planning to construct a spanking new motorway through the ouddle, a product of Beirut's wealth and reconstruction which will force the Palestinians from their huts. No

. It's not surprising, therefore, that Deebeh Hussein would like to get away, at least for a few months, from the heat and slums and shit. She has a daughter, Huda, who survived the massacre and now tives in Chicago. Deebeh says she holds American citizenship. So Deebeh set off recently to the US embassy in Damascus to ask for a visitor's visa. She was told, she says, that she could have no visa if she did not bave children or a husband or property in Lebanon outside the Sabra and Chatila area. She has no Lebanese passport. And she certainly got no visa. So even 15 years after the bloodbath of Sahra and Chatila, the world is still punishing the survivors for



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Coopers and PW to join forces in £8bn merger

in planning to merge, the leading international accountancy firms Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse say they are following the lead of their increasingly global clients.

Roger Trapp reports on the latest attempt at consolidation at the top of a market that has been buffeted by change.

Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse, two of the hestknown names in accounting, plan to merge to create a global organisation with 135,000 people and revenues of more than \$13bn (£8bn).

If it wins approval from regulators and the two existing firms' 8,500 partners, the comhined firm - as yet unnamed will overhaul Andersen Worldwide, which last year reported its 100,000 employees had achieved revenues of \$9.5bn, as the largest professional services firm in the world. In the UK, it would be comfortably the biggest firm, claiming about 50 per cent of FTSE 100 companies as audit clients.

The plans - which could take several months to finalise were announced yesterday in both New York and London. At a joint meeting in London, Peter Smith, chairman of the UK firm of Coopers, and Ian Brindle, deputy chairman of PW, Europe, said they were a direct response to an increasing desire by global clients for a uniformly high standard of advice throughout the world.

"In the UK there are many companies with a truly global reach and this merger is about helping them to improve their competitiveness around the world. They expect their advisers to be just as global in the way they think and operate," Mr Smith said.

The merger proposal marks the first significant development sioce Arthur Anderseo ac-

quired Binder Hamlyn, a highly-rated firm just outside the Big Six, in October 1994. But it continues a consolidation that began in the 1970s, so that by the beginning of the 1980s there were eight dominant firms. By the middle of this decade, that number had been reduced to the Big Six. It now looks as if the top tier will contain just five firms, though this development has prompted speculation that - provided competition authorities in Enrope and the United States allow the deal - there could be vet another reduction, to four, with Deloitte Touche, formerly known as Touche Ross, thought to be the most likely target. Much of this consolidation

has been due to a more competitive environment. Regulatory audit, in particular, has come to be seen as a commodity service that produces little profit, and in the UK large accountancy firms have recently been following their practice in continental Europe of moving into the potentially more lucrative legal services market as well as bolstering their presence in the well-established field of management consul-

Coopers and PW claim to have produced record growth in revenue in recent years, but in a world of private partnerships where disclosure of financial information is not compulsory others suggest that the figures are not as good as those of some of their rivals. The two firms put some of

this down to a lack of trained staff, and claim that it is possihle the combined firm would employ even more people than the two operations do now. James Schiro, currently chief executive of PW and due to take the same role in the merged operation, said both organisations were "firmly committed to providing outstanding career opportunities for our exceptionally talented people".

However, the two firms still have several hurdles to overcome before the deal can be completed. For instance, Coop-



Going global: Ian Brindle (left) of PW Europe and Peter Smith of Coopers & Lybrand

Photograph: Nicola Kurtz

ers' previous merger, with the UK arm of Deloitte Haskins and Sells in the early 1990s, took a long time to complete and eventually led to the deworld-wide parture of many partners.

PW, on the other hand, has two attempted mergers behind - with Deloitte and with Arthur Anderseo. And Mr Brindle said he was determined that the process be completed as soon as possible.

In addition, there are inevitably differences between

the two firms' partnership arrangements, since PW has moved closer than many of its rivals to becoming a single partnership through the recent combination of the US and European op-

erations. In an effort to win their backing quickly, the managements will be making extensive presentations to partners, staff and clients while the due dillgence on both firms' world-wide operations continued.

However, regulatory approval is perhaps the toughest potential stumbling block. Rival firms were quick to join the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants in pointing out the extent to which the deal would limit choice. Nick Land, senior partner of Ernst & Young, said he thought the competition aspect was "a real issue", while KPMG said it was concerned about that aspect.

Mr Brindle said the planned deal had come about through

"overtures" at various meetings between the two firms for some time. But he added that earnest talks had not begun until this

The organisations' managements had decided to publicise the discussions once it had become clear that they had a lot in common in terms of strate. gy and visioo. Furthermore. the two firms complemented each other geographically and in terms of husiness areas:

However, it was being sug-

gested last night that the real driving factor behind the proposed deal was the two firms' comparative weakness in the United States, Coopers is fifth and PW sixth out of six.

Some rivals said that the development may have been prompted by Price Waterbouse, since it has been suggested that the firm had been struggling to repair its image in the wake of the collapse of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, of which it was anditor. However, Mr Brindl dismissed these claims, while Mr Smith said his firm would not be cootemplating a link if it felt there was a problem.

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Pointing out that potential law suits were hanging over all. the leading firms of accountants, he added that Coopers and PW were united in lobbying for a change in the law to allow professional partnerships to protect themselves from being wiped out by legal

Care First directors set to quit over new chairman

Pru rapped over pension mis-selling cases

Care First, the UK's largest nursing home op- I have canvassed colleagues and there is a sense erator, is facing a boardroom bust up. Four of Care First's seven managing directors are expected to quit the nursing home group after its board on Wednesday refused to remove Keith Bradshaw as chairman and reinstate Chai Patel, the group's former chief executive.

in what was called "disastrous news" by one shareholder, Tony Heywood, Care First's corporate development director, is expected

In addition, Sushil Radra, managing director of the southern region, Phil McAuley, marketing director, and Des Kelley, director of human resources, are all understood to have either contacted headhunters or expressed a desire

All four individuals were originally directors at Mr Patel's former company, Court Cavendish, which merged with Mr Bradshaw's Takare group last year. Mr Heywood was formerly finance director at Court Cavendish. A leading institution said that the departures would be damaging: "If Heywood goes it will be a very serious blow. He is the only one of

News of the potential walk out came as two leading shareholders said yesterday they were "incensed" and "angry" about about how SBC Warburg, joint adviser to Care First, had canvassed their views. Several said yesterday that they were considering calling an emergency meeting to make their views known.

Care First said on Wednesday that it had the support of the majority of the shareholders. However, several leading fund manager disagreed. "It feels like a stitch up," said one. "The remaining board and advisers have closed ranks.

Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Trea-

sury, said yesterday she was disappointed with

the failure by Prudential, the UK's largest in-

surer, to include 8,000 people as top priority

ple had become urgent cases since the review

Prudeotial failed to notice that 8,000 peo-

Her comments came as the Treasury yes-

terday raised its estimate of the number of like-

ly victims from 1.5 million to 2.1 million. Of

those, 600,000 people have been identified who

The Treasury also named a further 17 com-

panies who are nearly three years behind in

compensating their victims, including Axa

Equity & Law, Commercial Union, Friends

Mrs Liddell said: "No-one gets off the hook

where mis-selling of personal pensions may

Provident, Midland and Standard Life.

cases in the review of pension mis-selling.

started in October 1994.

tequire urgent compensation.

that Warhurg pressured us. They told me that I was in a minority of one in wanting Chai to come back. When I said anything negative, they tried to re-word it to sound more positive."

A second said: "We clearly stated we didn't want Bradshaw as any kind of chairman and they ignored our views." A spokesman for Warburg said: "We can

only represent what we have been told. I have no doubt that we faithfully represented their

Institutions said yesterday it would be difficult to recruit a high calibre chief executive with Mr Bradshaw remaining as non-executive director and also acting chief executive pend-

ing a replacement. "We think Chai is the best person to run this company. He has the best reputation in the industry.

A third substantial shareholder said: "Keith has got through three chief executives. He owns 8 per cent of the equity and is a domineering personality. Bradshaw may be non-executive chairman, but he will continue to dominate."

Paul Saper of healthcare consultant Laing & Buisson warned that the current management had a poor reputation in the industry. "If Mr Bradshaw is staying on in any capacity

will damage the value of this company. Winning and keeping business will be much harder. However, shareholders warned that re-

versing the board's decision would be difficult. "We choose battles we can win," said one. "This could be very messy and no one wants to stick their head above the parapet."

have occurred. Every firm must get on with the

urgent job of reviewing cases and provide re-

The Minister's comments follow Pruden-

tial's near-doubling, to £450m, of the amount

it is setting aside to compensate its victims, in-

cluding 60,724 urgent cases, each potentially

on Chancellor Gordon Brown's decision to

abolish tax credits on dividends, adding that

the Pru had at least 300 people working on the

review. He said the 8,000 extra cases came

about because the mechanism for upgrading

many of the 41 companies named by the Trea-

sury as falling behind on the urgent cases, com-

pleting its review of 23 per cent of the priority

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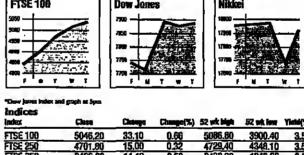
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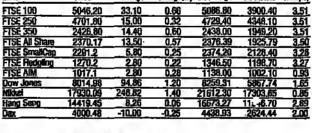
A spokesman blamed part of the extra cost

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costing £7,500.

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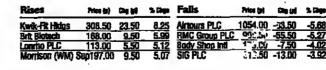




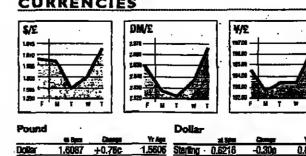
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Poorer customers will not benefit from BG price cuts

Ofgas, the gas watchdog, yesterday launched an investigation into price cuts planned by British Gas which would see 3 million of its poorest customers excluded from reductions in bills. The announcement follows pressure from the Gas Consumers Council, which had argued the proposals could discriminate against certain customers. Chris Godsmark, **Business Correspondent, reports.**

British Gas is proposing to slash an average of £28 off domestic gas hills from January, a cut of about 9 per cent. But Centrica, the demerged British Gas supply business which contimes to use the familiar brand name, said only the 16 million households which paid by direct debit or settled their accounts promptly would benefit.

One million homes with prepayment meters would see no reduction while a further 2 million low-income customers using a variety of payment plans would mostly see cuts of less than 1 per cent. British Gas said it was waiting for the results of a review of the prepayment meter system by Ofgas before making any changes to these prices.

About half of the cuts are the result of reductions in gas transportation charges under a new price formula. The rest of the reduction stems from the abolition of the gas levy, a tax on old North Sea gas contracts, in the Budget and cheaper wholesale prices paid by British Gas.

The Gas Consumers Council (GCC) claimed all consumers should benefit and this week used its powers under the gas legislation to ask Ofgas for a formal probe. John Battle, the industry minister, was also unhappy with the plans and is thought to have expressed concern during a meeting with Centrica's top management on Wednesday.

The watchdog, led by Clare Spottiswoode, the industry regulator, said it hoped to comolete its new investigation by the end of the year. It will look at whether the reductions discriminate unduly between different groups of consumers. The probe will run in parallel with the look at the extra costs of servicing prepayment households.

Sue Slipman, the GCC director, said the investigation was exceedingly good news: "Clearly the regulator has accepted there's a case to investigate and we welcome that. There was a lot of public shock about the plans."

An Ofgas spokesman signalled that Ms Spottiswoode was also concerned at British Gas's proposals. "We guess that they can make savings and prepayment customers should get a reduction," he said.

Last night British Gas hinted that Ofgas had previously approved the price cuts but had been prompted to investigate after the GCC's intervention. In a statement the company said it hoped Ofgas would reach the same conclusions as it had before the new prices were announced last week.

P&O set for concessions to secure merger

Lord Sterling, the P&O chairman, yesterday held out the possibility of concessions to speed official approval of the planned merger of the group's Channel ferry operations with those of rivals Stena Line of Sweden.

Lord Sterling said they were ready to consider any undertakings that the Government or the European Commission might put forward, including a possible cap on prices to protect the consumer. If eleared, the new combination is expected to dominate the ferries market in the eastern part of the English Channel with a market share of around 45 per cent. Other suggestions from P&O include limiting berthing slots at Dover and Calais, the two main ports involved in the proposed merger, and cutting the number of ticket sales

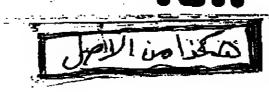
The group expects a decision in early October, but the P&O chairman also vented

his frustration at the authorities' delay in deciding on the merger, first unveiled nearly a year ago. They had had lots of meetings in Brussels and recently one with the UK's Office of Fair Trading, he said, but "otherwise

we have been deafened by silence". His comments came as P&O unveiled a dip in profits from £135m to £123m for the six months to June, hit by a collapse into loss of the container shipping business, now merged with Royal Nedlloyd's container operations. Now recovering, Lord Sterling said the business could be floated in New York if it could be enlarged.

Profits more than doubled at Bovis Homes, from £5.9m to £13.3m as margins rose on the back of a 32 per cent jump in completions and a 6 per cent increase in house prices.

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Regulators watch closely as six become five

The big six are to become the big five and are now so much part of the new "big is count for less than 30 per cent of indusin nne fell swoop Arthur Andersen is toppled from pole position. If this is allowed through without regulatory obstruction, it cannot be long before Deloitte Touche at the bottom of the pile is picked off too and the five will become four. Coopers and Price Waterhouse were trying to make light nf it all yesterday (no cost-cutting and nn redundancies involved), but if nobody very much is complaining too much yet, it is hard to believe this can long remain the

One of accountancy's professional bodies, the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, has already come nut agin, as have some of the other big practices, while the constituents of the FTSE 100, half of whom will be audited by this new accounting behemoth once the merger goes through, are almost brund in kick up a fuss if they believe the marriage might lead to higher audit fees.

These, the two partners are swift to tell us, are under severe pressure and nowdays barely compensate for the risks of being sued for negligent work. Even so if the competition authorities in either Brussels or Washington are persuaded that the merger will limit the choice of audit partnership and drive up fees, they may be tempted to block the road.

In some respects all the affable Peter Smith at Coopers and his opposite number, Ian Brindle at PW, are doing here is aping their own clients. They even use some of the same largon. Phrases like "global reach" and "horraging the brand"

beautiful" global corporation that it is hard to fault the people who audit these enterprises for aspiring to the same thing. When all around you is going global, what choice do you have but in go ginbal too? All the same, there is a distinctly defensive feel about this merger.

Furthermore, there is no evidence that expanding the audit base is going to lead clients to buy the other value added services the big practices after - consultancy, tax planning, legal services and the like - in any greater quantity than they already dn. Arthur Andersen's spectacular success in consultancy is largely unrelated to its captive andit base. Messrs Smith and Brindle shouldn't have too much difficulty selling this alliance to their own partners; whether clients too can be persuaded is rather more doubtful.

Dogfight with US set to rumble on

Europe and the US may bave settled for a score draw over the Boeing-McDonnell Douglas merger, but the dogfight over which side gives its aerospace and defence industry more back-door government support rumbles na. .

The latest broadside comes in the shape of a revealing set of statistics drawn up by the European Association of Aerospace Industries. Its 1996 survey shows that whereas government contracts now ac-

try turnover in Europe, the comparative figure for the US is 50 per cent.

Whilst Europe's aerospace companies have had to make their way by building up export and commercial sircraft orders, Boeing, Lockheed et al still rely to a remarkable extent on Uncle Sam asking them to find ever more inventive and expensive ways of trashing the enemy.

The ripple effects from the Pentagoo's astronomic procurement and research and development hudgets are there to see. Europe might support its industries with state aid, but the US government-funded military programme has spawned and supported just as much industrial activity. It's a hit rich of the US to come over all indignant about state subsidies to industry when its own military programme is just a different version of the same thing.

On a narrower front, the advantages of having a large and unfragmented home market and a single buyer in deal with are also apparent. The sheer scale of the US military machine makes it a potent force in export markets as well, which is partly why Europe ran up a 9bn ecu deficit in aerospace trade with the US in

. The questinn is bow should Europe's aerospace industry go about rectifying the problem and overcoming its relative disadvantage. Whingeing is all well and good but oo amount of statistical evidence will change the central thrust of US military procurement policy nr the support the US gives its aerospace companies.

The best riposte for Europe must be to take the Americans on at their own game. It would be too much to ask the 15 EU member states to draw up a joint aerospace policy overnight. But the industry can help itself by ensuring that the pace of consolidation here matches that taking place in the US. That requires political will as much as commercial impetus. In particular, the French need to make a start by pressing ahead with the privatisatinn nf Thomson and Aerospatiale. Without this, Airbus will never see the light of day as a single commercial entity, nor will the consolidation necessary in the defence sec-

No love lost in Care First row

tor take place.

Broken promises, power struggles and hetrayal. Who would have expected such things from a dear old nursing home company? But there is undoubtedly a humdinger of a row going at Care First, the

UK's higgest nursing home operator.

The stary is starting to look remarkahly similar to last year's Eurotherm saga which ended with institutional shareholders ousding the incumbent chairman and reinstating its chief executive Claes Hultman, Like him, Chai Patel, Care First's chief executive quit after a power struggle with a chairman who can't let go of the reins. Like him, Mr Patel wants in come back and has the support of a num-

ber of shareholders who say he is the best thing since sliced bread.

As if that were oot enough, Mr Patel seems to have the support of a large number of customers too, some nf whn say he has vising and an unequalled understanding of a particularly tough industry. And to top it all, he even has a reasonable level of support on the board.

The genesis of this row is last year's merger between Mr Patel's Court Cavendish and Keith Bradshaw's Takare to form the Care First combine.

Cnurt Cavendish was always probably the better company but it was not the biggest and it was never likely that Mr Bradshaw would yield the controls with-Out a fight. In the end the two found it impossible in live ingether and as often happens in life, it was the better of the two

However the tide may be turning. Mr Bradshaw is looking increasingly isolated. Though he seems in have the support of the non-executive directors, some senior executives are threatening to leave. Promising to surrender bis executive powers after a suitable alternative chief executive is found is no longer enough to satisfy those shareholders who want in see the back of him. It might have worked at an earlier stage but it is too late for that

Mr Bradshaw continues in insist that the majority of shareholders support him. Many don't believe him. The moment must have come for the matter to be put



Carry on scrambling: The Government has postponed a decision on reforming the August registration change

Car registration changes postponed

The Government has reforming the annual August change to the its plan for a twiceyearly number-plate change starting from

Chris Godsmark, Business

and the Environment in July

possible.

At a meeting with Christothe agenda".

Mr Macgowan said: "This is a colossal setback. We are less than happy with the performance of government whn claim to be close to business. If this is an example of being close. to business I shudder for the fu-

ture," The SMMT is understood in bave been given similar news in a telephone call from the department earlier this week. An official is thought to have confirmed that the in-

> The SMMT declined in comment on the conversation said the car industry was "very unhappy" at the situation. "We do not understand the delay in the whole industry is united. We would say: please minister, tell

mended four changes a year to number plates, but re-grouped around the bi-annual change after concerns that the vehicle licensing agency, the DVLA, would not be able to cope. The existing run of letters would continue twice a year until the eod of the alphabet.

bonanza costs manufacturers millions of pounds each year, to build up stocks of 500,000 right-hand drive cars. Though twice-yearly registration change would have cost the DVLA several bundred thnusand pounds, the industry had recently offered in fund the additional cost. But car makers needed a decision this mooth in arrange their production schedules to meet a March

but indicated that a reform of

Britain urged to be in EMU from the start

Jacques Santer, EU president, yesterday called nn Britain to join the first wave of European monetary uning in 15 months' time. He painted a glowing picture of what monetary union could achieve for Europe as it moved into a new era and insisted it would start nn sched-

ule on 1 January 1999. Only nne major decisioo remained, on who would be in the first wave, and Mr Santer said this would be taken next spring during Britain's sixmonth.EU presidency. "The United Kingdom bas an opt-

out. So the decision is in the bands of Her Majesty's government, parliament and the people," he told an audience in Glasgow.

"Naturally, we hope you will join us at the beginning or soon after. The time is right." Mr Santer repeated the im-

portance with which European monetary union was viewed for a single market, saying; "I canoot imagine the functioning of a great internal market with 15 member states and 15 different currencies." He said monetary unioo would lessen currency

uncertainty, enhance competitiveness, give a new internatinnal monetary role of immense importance" for the EU and make Europe more attractive to inward investment.

He said there was cause for optimism as the EU approached the next century with its economies improving, public spending being disciplined. interest rates low and the single market being "battened

But for the vision of a new Europe to succeed, it had to be able to create more jobs and

there was a need for fresh initratives on this.

The European leaders' summit io November would seek a targeted approach concentrating on entrepreoeurship. adaptability and employability. he said, adding: "Old-fashioned restrictive practices are simply iocompatible with the needs of modern, mobile, international capital."

The EU president was addressing a meeting of Scotland Europa, a body drawn from industry and public life to promote Scotland's interests in the EU.

postponed a decision on car registration, forcing the industry to abandon next March.

Correspondent, reports.

The car industry had spent much of this year trying to persuade the Government to back its plan for a bi-annual registration change. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Tinders (SMMT) had expected in hear the decision from the new Department of Transport and had been repeatedly told that an announcement was

But it emerged yesterday that the car dealers' association, the Retail Mntor Industry Federation (RMI), was told a few days ago by ministers that the switch to a twice-yearly platechange in March was nn longer

pher Macgowan, the RMI's chief executive, Baroness Hayman, the roads minister, said she was "embarrassed" that the Government had still not made a decision. The minister added that March 1998 was now "off

dustry's solution was "not on". Coping with the August car

yesterday, but a spokesman announcing the change when us what the delay is for."

The previous government issued a consultatinn paper on changing the system last December and the RMI and SMMT responded in March with an agreed industry plan. Originally they had recom-

Government sources yesterday blamed the delay on technical issues at the DVLA, the system could happen later

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Export orders are beginning to stabilise after the hammering they took at the hands of the strong pound earlier in the summer but they still remain weak, the Confederation of British Industry reported yesturday.

At the same time, new figures ou money supply, mortgage lending and car output painted a picture of a relatively subdued economy. This contrasts sharply with the retail sales and average carnings figures published earlier in the week which pointed to the need for a further increase in interest rates.

The CBI's latest monthly

trends inquiry shows that the survey shows export demand halance of manufacturers reporting lower-than-normal export order books has improved slightly from 37 per ceot in August tn 35 per cent in September. Between the two surveys, sterliog fell by 4 per cent against the German mark from DM3.01 to DM2.89.

The CBI said that despite the decline sterling's strength was continuing to have a dampening effect. Yesterday the pound rose by more than three pfennigs to DM2.8657 and broke back through 100 on the trade-weighted index.

Sudhir Junankar, a CBI economist, said; "Although our

still to be weak there is just a bint from the figures that the sharp deterioration seen since June may have levelled nff." The survey also suggests

that inflationary pressures in industry remain under control with price expectations at their lowest level for five years. Total orders weakened slightly to September, reflecting a slight moderation in domestic orders and leaving overall demand below oormal for the sixth month in succession.

Separately, government figures showed that UK car production fell by a seasonally adjusted 12.8 per cent in the six

months ended August. Production for the home market was down 19 per cent while export output was down 7.7 per

Meanwhile broad money supply figures came in slightly below expectations, growing by 11.6 per cent in the year to Angust and 0.7 per cent for the month. Bank mortgage lending was down on the six-month average at £753m while the increase in total personal credit was its lowest since March. Figures from the Building Societies Association showed net advances in August 20 per cent down on a year ago at £900m.

- Michael Harrison

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Buoyant Mirror Group predicts overhaul of media ownership rules

David Montgomery, chief executive of Mirror Group (above), is confident that the Labour government will undertake a 'major overhaul' of media ownership legislation before too long. And, as Cathy Newman reports, the company is hopeful of a better deal under the present Government than under the previous administration.

After announcing a 12 per cent increase in profit before tax and exceptionals to £43.7m for the half-year, Mr Montgomery said: "Before the turn of the century, possibly, there will be a major overhaul of media ownership rules. Some restrictions may be lifted."

In an attack on the Conservative's media policies, he added: "We don't expect any favours from the Labour administration, but we do believe there will be fairness in a way there wasn't with the Tory government.

Current media ownership legislation, enshrined in the 1996 Broadcasting Act, preveots newspaper groups such as Mirror Group that control 20 per cent or more of national ocwspaper circulation from owning terrestrial radio and televisioo stations. Mirror Group could not, for ex-

existing rules. A spokesman for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport said yesterday that ministers had "no plans at present" to change the media ownership laws.

ample, take over Scottish Television, in

which it has a 20 per cent stake, under the

For the six months to the end of June, Mr Mootgomery said profits had been helped by a "strong performance from our core oewspapers". The relaunch of the group's flagship title, The Muror, enabled the title to notch up a 0.5 per cent gain in market share against its main rival, the Sun, for the January to June period.

The Independent would enter into profit next year, Mr Montgomery said. Mirror has a 46 per ceot stake in The Independent's owner, Newspaper Publishing, Operating losses at Newspaper Publishing fell by 32 per cent, compared with the same period last year.

Growth in advertising revenue also contributed to the profits improvement. Classified advertising was particularly strong, increasing by 24 per cent.
The interim dividend is 1.5p, up from

Wm Morrison banks on Midland for expansion

William Morrison, the supermarket chain, unveiled plans to expand its financial services joint venture with Midland Bank by eventually installing a bank in the majnrity of its 83-strong chain. It has already opened four in-store banks and plans to open another five by the end of the year. The group is also creating 5,400 new jobs as part of a £200m investment programme. It has opened two new stores so far this year and plans to open another eight by oext summer, including its first sites in the south of England. Morrison announced an 11.8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £61.7m for the six months to 3 August.

Daiwa raided over 'pay-offs'

Authorities in Japan raided Daiwa Securities as a scandal over pay-offs to a gangster wideoed to enmesh Japan's second-largest brokerage. Some 100 investigators entered Daiwa's headquarters in Tokyo seeking evidence that it paid ¥67.28m (£345,000) to the alleged corporate racketeer Ryuichi Koike, prosecutors said. A spokesman for Daiwa said: "We are taking the situation gravely and intend to fully co-operate with the authorities." No-mura Securities and Dai Ichi Kangyo Bank have already beeo charged with making illegal payments to Mr Koike.

Whirlpool to axe 4,700 jobs

Whirlpool Corp announced substantial organisational changes. including the loss of 4,700 jobs in Asia, Europe and North America. The company said it planned to increase efficiencies in its European operations through product consolidations and facility closings, while seeking strategic alliances or other alternatives for two Chinese joint ventures. In connection with these changes in its overseas affiliates, the company said it expected a pre-tax charge of about \$350m (£217m) in the third quarter.

British Borneo advances

British Borneo Petroleum Syndicate was bullish about prospects as it announced an increase in half-year pre-tax profits from £8.1m to £8.9m. Alan Gaynor, chief executive said: "We oow have nine appraisal projects in the UK, four development and three appraisal projects in the deep water Gulf of Mexico and high quality exploration acreage in both regions. These combine to provide significant growth potential for British-Borneo." Interim dividend is unchanged at 1p.

Breathing space for MMC

The Government has agreed an extension of the time allowed for the Mooopolies and Mergers Commission to report on the acquisition by National Express Group of the ScotRail and Central Trains rail franchises. The Department of Trade and Industry said in a statement: "Following representations from the MMC that detailed and time-consuming route-by-route analysis of oumerous overlaps between rail and coach services has been entailed in both inquiries, Mrs Beckett [Trade Secretary] has concluded that the reporting period should in both instances be extended to 3 October." The MMC was originally asked to report on the acquisitions by today.

Sun Life to join Footsie after shares soar

Sun Life & Provincial Holdings, the UK's third-largest life and pensions group, is set to enter the FTSE 100 after a 30 per cent rise in its share price. Andrew Verity reports on a company that defied predictions that a merger of its subsidiaries would affect sales.

Sun Life & Provincial will enter the top 100 companies in the UK next week with a market capitalisation of £3.3bo following the completion of a merger between its two main subsidiaries, Axa Equity & Law and Sun Life, and a dramatic outperformance of the market since flotation last year.

Chief executive Mark Wood said much of the rise in share price, to 419p compared with 307p on flotation, was due to tracker funds scrabbling to huy the small free float of shares available to outside investors. Pareot company Axa UAP owns 72.4 per cent of the equity but plans gradually to sell its stake until it is left with a 65 per cent share.

The share price rose 8p yesterday on the back of pre-tax profits up 17.2 per cent. to £121.4m. The company boosted its interim dividend to 3.8p from a pro forma 3.34p at the time of floration and predicted

a full-year payout of 11.4p.

Mr Wood confirmed the company would have to shed some of its 7,500 staff as it restrictured. Most are expected to leave voluntarily but some compulsory redundancies may be considered.

He said: "We have given ourselves two years to achieve the bulk of cost savings. Given our current staff turnover and the changes we have planned we hope there's no need to impose compulsory redundancies on any scale.

"But if we find ourselves with a very small team of specialist people in a location and can't come to an agreement, then we may have to look at that."

The merger of Ara Equity & Law and Sun Life has generated fears, especially among staff at Axa, that they may be forced to leave or switch to a different role.

Low morale is understood to have affected oew business figures, leading both Sun Life and Equity & Law to be left behind in the selling bonanza enjoyed by rivals in the first half of this year.

Sun Life, usually one of the country's most popular offices among independent financial advisers, sold less regular premium husiness between January and June than it had in the first half of 1996. The Equity & Law side of the business

saw more robust sales with a rise of 10 per cent in premiums to new policies. But it fell behind other life offices which saw sales of life assurance and pensions booming by as much as 30 per ceot.

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Sun Life and Axa Equity & Law will operate as one company but with two brands. Sun Life will keep its name while Equity & Law will become Axa Life.

UAP Provincial, a general insurance subsidiary which used to be part of Sun Life, will merge with Axa's general insurance hroking arm, Axa Insurance, by 1 January 1998. The company has an-nounced it will bring out oew products, including pensions and life assurance, by January for Axa Life.

Parent company Axa UAP now claims to have overtaken Fidelity Investments as the largest asset manager in the world, with £293bn under management.

Lord Douro, Sun Life & Provincial's chairman, said: "Following the acquisition. completed on 9 September, the imperative for the enlarged group is to huild on the considerable skill of our operating companies.

We are making good progress in integrating the businesses and are confident of realising the value of the resulting savings and efficiencies. We view the future with confidence and enthusiasm."

The merger is structured as a reverse takeover, with French parent Axa taking UAP's stake in Sun Life & Provincial, which in turn buys some of Axa's operations.

Sun Life's with-profits fund will now be closed to oew husiness, leaving it with free assets worth hundreds of millions. However, Mr Wood squashed speculation that some of this might be handed out to policyholders. "We don't regard ourselves as a windfall office," he said.

COMPANY RESULTS Turnover& Pre-tax& 343.7m (358.6m) 1.6m (32m)

Cape (i)	118.7m (116.5m)	4m (-19.7m)	4.9p (4.5p)	3.0p (3.0p)
Thery Douglas (I)	240.6m (231.9m)	9.16m (8.05m)	18.1p (16.5p)	7.5p (7.0p)
Gentleum Group (F)	47.8m (24.9m)	5.1m (2.7m)	26.2p (20.1p)	7.0p
Goset (1)	227.3m (207.3m)	12.7m (22.7m)	12.5p (26.8p)	4.Dp (3.7p)
Huntfeigh Technology (1)	43.9m (48.2m)	7.72m (7.96m)	6.19p (6.18p)	1.4p (1.33p)
William Jacks (I)	60.3m (51.1m)	630.000 (421,000)	3.06p (1.76p)	1.25p (1.0p)
Kwite-Fit (I)	249m (220m)	25.1m (21.5m)	10p (8.5p)	2.35p (2.1p)
Altred McAlphon (I)	261 3m (220,1m)	5.3m (1,8m)	5.4p (1.8p)	3.0p (3.0p)
Micror Group (1)	271m (267,5m)	43.7m (51.9m)	7.4p (6.7p)	1.5p (1.35p)
William Morrison (1)	1, 12bn (1, 1ba)	61.7m (55.2m)	4.96p (4.52p)	0.4p (0.325p)
P&O (I)	2.88bn (3.44bn)	123.1m (134.7m)	14.6p (15.7p)	13.5p (13.5p)
RNAC (I)	2.1bn (2.2hn)	115.9m (97.1m)	25.9p (22.5p)	8.2p (7.8p)
Sarvisnir (1)	73.6m (69 7m)	102,000 (926,000)	-0 1p (1.6p)	1 75p
SIB (I)	277m (209m)	14.7m (14.2m)	6.6p (9.6p)	2.6p (2.4p)
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P&O disposals fail to bring cheer

Lord Sterling yesterday made much of his revitalisation plan for P&O, which is supposed to raise return on capital at the shipping to exhibition centre group to 15 per cent. But the City remains highly sceptical. Although disposals to date are said to be running at £650m, investors have yet to see much of the cash. Indeed, gearing has riseo from 72 to 80 per cent since Albright scare December.

Meanwhile, the much-vaunted merger between P&O's ferry operations in the eastern English Channel and those of arch-rivals Stena Line, intended to meet the challenge of the Channel Tunnel, has run into the bureaucratie sand. The omens are not good, giveo the oew

Market value: £4.18bn, share price 679.5p (+11.5p)

P&O: At a glance

has not been raised since 1990, Lord Sterling still has a lot to prove.-

the shares, up 11.5p at 679.5p, oo a forward multiple of 17.

vides some support, but otherwise they are unattractive.

heralds changes

Albright & Wilson, the chemicals group that puts the tang in Coca-Cola aod the brightener in toothpaste, gave the stock market a fright yesterday with news of

Share price, Earnings per share 38.5 37.8 · 40.1 15.7 14.8 Dividents per share 30.5 30.5 30.5 13.55 38.5

Bass with Carlsberg-Tetley.

So the jump in results from the P&O Ferries business, where profits leapt from £500,000 to £11.3m in the six months to June, may prove a false dawn. The 57 per cent surge in freight volumes was all down to last November's fire from which the Tonnel has only just recovered. With Eurotunnel gettiog back into its stride and apparently unconstrained by normal financial considerations, P&O is under increasing pressure to slash costs oo its Dover-Calais operation.

The one merger Lord Sterling has pushed through so far, last year's link-up between P&O's container husiness with that of Royal Nedlloyd of Holland, has yet to prove itself. P&O's share produced a £1.9m loss in the latest figures, down from £20.9m when the operation was wholly owned.

A New York float is vaguely planned before the end of the century, and Bovis Homes in Britain should bring in £250m when it launches oo the UK stock market just before Christmas.

tioo for blocking mega-mergers, such as The headline pre-tax oumber for the six months to June fell from £32m to £1.6m, knocking 17p off the shares at one stage before the price partially recovered

to 163p, down 4.5p oo the day. In fact the results, which included a £27.8m restructuring provision, are a welcome sign that Paul Rocheleao, the group's new chief executive, is already rolling up his sleeves to make some

The bulk of the provisioo is for asset write-downs to tidy up the balance sheet, which should have no cash cost implications. However, some £5m is being set aside for the closure of a sulphuric acid factory in Whitehaveo in the UK, which will mean around 70 reduodancies, and for another 30 or so cy of the fickle DIY market. It admits iob cuts outside the UK. That is not huge io relation to the group's 5,000 staff world-wide.

Otherwise the underlying husiness looks in good health. Operating profits, base if demand begins to fall and prices excluding a £6m currency hit, rose 6 per cent to £39m on steady volumes.

Margins in surfactants - cleaning about right.

Bot with the group's return on capi- agents to you and me and over one-third tal unchanged at 10 per cent in the half- of the business - rose 2 perceotage year and a barely covered dividend that points to 5.4 per ceot as the group shifted to more value-added structured liquids. Mr Rocheleau reckons there is Full-year profits of £335m would put 'scope to take margins in this business to 8 per ceot in the short term. Phosphates. used in detergents, took the bulk of the A possible break-up value of 770p pro-sterling hit in Europe, but performed well in Asia and America.

With minimal gearing and good cash flow, the company has some £200m to speed oo its plans for expansion in China and Brazil. Wisely, given what can be difficult markets, the group will start with joiot vectures along the lines of its Mexican operation. House broker BZW forecasts profits of £63m for the full year. Eveo though sterling will remain a continued pressure, a forward price-earnings ratio of 11 looks cheap.

Labour government's apparent predilec- what looked like a profits collapse. Buoyant housing boosts Wickes

Not long ago Wickes was lurching from one financial crisis to another. Now, after a rescue rights issue, the DIY retailer looks to have returned to the financial straight and narrow. It has off-loaded the loss making continental European busies and the UK DIY market is being buoyed by the housing market recovery.

Wickes' like-for-like sales rose 12 per cent in the first six months of the year. This sales growth, tight cost cootrol and lower stock holdings helped the group to return to the black at the operating level, with a first-half profit of £5.9m.

Wickes' new management team plan to kick-start its store-opening programme again in 1998. It is also embarking on a multi-million pouod refurbishment programme to lift sales of higher-margin products. With margins of around 2 per cent against the industry average of 5-6 per cent, there is scope for improvement. Wickes' shares rose 16.5p to 196p yes-

terday on the encouraging results. Analysts forecast current year profits of around £6m, ignoring the loss it made selling the European businesses. Profits should rise to £20m next year as the recovery continues and the group also has £30m of tax losses up its sleeve.

On these numbers the shares look cheap. But Wickes remains at the merthat the housing market is already showing signs of slowing down. And the group hasn't got the fire-power to slug it out with the likes of B&Q and Homeare slashed. Giveo the potential problems ahead, Wickes' share price looks

RMC cuts forecast for Germany

Shares in RMC, one of Europe's leading suppliers of building products, were hit when it warned of a slowdown in German demand in the aftermath of reunification. The group also said sterling's buoyancy could cost it £30m in the full year. Magnus Grimond writes.

RMC's forecast that German volumes would he down between 4 and 6 per cent this year helped send the share price falling yesterday, leaving it 55.5p down at 998.5p. But Peter Young, chief executive, described the market reaction as "quite ill-informed", pointing out that RMC had leading or strong positions in a market. which was nearly three times

He said the decline, which had been anticipated, had been hidden in the first six mooths of the year by had weather in 1996 which disrupted normal operations from Jaouary through to April and meant RMC was comparing five months output this year with only 2.5 months last time.

the size of the UK market.

The fall-off in demand in Germany, RMC's second-most

profitable area, comes as a huge surge in demand for everything from aggregates to ready-mixed concrete tails off in the wake of reunification. Housebuilding, which peaked at 600,000 a year two years ago, has fallen to around 450,000.

Eveo so, Mr Young defeoded the group's DM500m (£175m) project to buy and in effect rebuild the Rudersdorf cement works 20 miles from Berlin in the old East Germany which has created one of Europe's higgest cemeot producers and is only now building up to full capacity.

"We bought the husiness in 1990 as sooo as we could when the wall came down and in oo way do I regret that investmeot," he said. Giveo the impending move of the German capital to Berlin, it was adjacent to "the biggest building site in Europe". His only regret was that others did the same thing, leading to over-capacity in the east, he added.

His comments came as RMC reported a 19 per cent rise m pre-tax profits to £116m in the six months to June. which would have been a 30 per cent advance but for a £10m impact from translating overseas results. Assuming sterling remained strong, there would be a further £20m hit in the secood half, the company said.

Kwik-Fit expands in Europe

Kwik-Fit yesterday announced plans for a rapid expansion of its car repairs business into continental Europe. Sir Tom Farmer, the group's chairman, is also considering setting up a breakdown service to take on the Automobile Associatioo and the RAC.

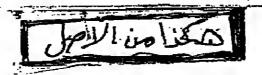
Sir Tom said: "We want to develop the Kwik-Fit name. Kwik-Fit could lend itself very well to breakdown services."

Kwik-Fit's plans to take on the likes of the AA and RAC are still in their infancy. "The idea is just a twinkle in somebody's eye at the moment," said Sir Tom. But he indicated the move was a serious prospect for the group over the next few years. Kwik-Fit could use its national network of centres to offer a range of pick up and repair

services. Meaowhile Kwik-Fit announced an aggressive push into continental Europe. It is opening another 25 outlets in Holland and Belgium in the next six months to add to its 156 sites there. Kwik-Fit is also planning to start up opera-

tions throughout Scandinavia. Kwik-Fit has spent £14m on new stores in the past six

The company beat analysts' forecasts by announcing a 17 per cent rise in pre-tax profits for the half year to August. Its shares rose 23.5p to 308.5p.



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Airtours shares slump as directors take off for pastures new

MARKET REPORT



DEREK PAIN STOCK MARKET REPORTER OF THE YEAR

Shares of Airtours, the pack- market "had grossly overaged holidays group seemingly stretching into the stratosphere in the summer, dived intense competition and senior

management defections. At the height of the holiday at 1,240p. The departing executives are directors of one of Airtours' UK subsidiaries. They are said to be Paul Evans and Steve Endacort.

The two are joining the troubled Inspirations holidays group taken over by the American travel giant, Carlson, for £42m in July. It was something of a knockdown price with the US group paying 75p a share against the 152.5p peak hit last

executives.

Still, the departure of 63.5p to 1,054p as the stock Messrs Evans and Endacott eying for positions ahead of market fretted about more comes at a time when the market is already a little apprehensive about Airtours' ability to withstand the priceseasoo the shares were flying cutting challeoge launched last week by Thomsons, the industry leader.

Second-placed Airtours has had an enjoyable run but the belligerent competitioo sparked off by Canadianowned Thomsons could enode industry profit margins. First Choice, the third-largest operator, which once resisted a 150p-a-share offer from Airtours, was unchanged at 96.5p.

The rest of the market was again in form with Footsie ris-

reacted to the loss of the two helped sentiment but there deeply involved in the broader by Asian worries, rallied 41p telephones, gained 13.5p to was once again evidence major world of sweeteners that a to 858.5p with Credit Lyonnais investment houses were jocktoday's futures expiry. Market men would not be surprised if

> affair. There are indications major positions have still to be covered and Footsie could experience a heady run, possibly hitting a peak, ahead of

the mid-morning expiry.

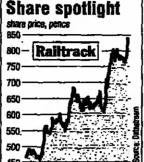
series is a particularly messy

Tate & Lyle sweetened 8p to 4,124p on stories cash-rich Associated British Foods is thinking of taking advantage of the poor performing shares by mounting a bid.

ABF already has extensive sugar interests and on the

Firm Government stocks theory T&L has become so monopolies hurdle may not be Laing saying buy. BOC, the insurmountable.

Railtrack's progress continued with the shares getting the eod of the September nearer the 950p Pannure Gordon projection, up 35p to 844.5p. Allied Domecq, the drinks group, was another at a high, 4.5p stronger at 489p.



chemical group, rose 27.5p to 1,104p on a NatWest Securities push.

Suggestions of a continental strike lifted WH Smith 4.5p to 374.5p and Marks & Spencer put on 13.5p to 609.5p on overseas buying. Sears, figures next week, was again alone and forlorn, falling 1p to a 56.5p low.

The strong pound took its toll of exporters with RMC's comments underlining the maker, 17.5p higher to 447.5p. impact of sterling's squeeze. RMC fell 55.5p to 998.5p. Pilkington, the glassmaker,

attracted lumpy trading with price ended off 3.5p at 153p.

Standard Chartered, hit Airtech, involved in mobile

The shares arrived at 68p. European Telecom dialled a 24p advance to 269p. Chairman Warren Hardy sold almost 5 million shares at 235p; they were placed with institutions by Collins Stewart. Datrontech, the computer group, gained a further 11.5p to 93p on sharebuying by finance director

90p after moving into profits.

Gerard Connolly. US bid speculation rolled Molins, the tobacco machinery

Campbell & Armstrong. the loss-making specialist shopfitter, shaded 0.5p to 4.5p as speculators grew impatient deals clinched at 158.5p; the over the failure of the expected takeover bid to materialise. Protean, an engineer, is Last mooth a 10 per cent TAKING STOCK

In busy trading steel maker ASW put on 8.5p to 36p, highest since March, as stories flowed of a French hid. There was hopeful talk that Usinor Sacilor, sitting on 12 per cent, was planning to bid for this basket case of the steel industry, which lost £51.7m last year and a further £8.8m in the first half of this year. Two years ago the shares were 247p.

Motion Media, the videophone maker, returned to the fringe Ofex market after a £2.5m cash raising exercise at 200p. Surprisingly, the shares closed at only 180p, a 25p gain from the suspension price. MM's videophones are due to be launched in some

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	unruffled. A source close to	again in form with Poolsie ris- ing 33.1 points to 5,046.2; the supporting indices also moved ahead.	sugar interests and on the surface a strike at T&L would have difficulty escaping a mo- nopolies block. But there is a	450	the latest on the under card to attract a bid approach. The	Last mooth a 10 per cent stake changed hands, with a company called SAS thought to have moved in. Dixons stores before Christmas and Philips will shortly start to sell them in Europe.
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City braces for a new order with advent of Big Bang 2

The introduction of electronic order-driven trading of Britain's biggest stocks next month has been described as Big Bang 2, the most radical shake-up at the Stock Exchange for II years.

Tom Stevenson, Financial Editor, examines the reasons for abandoning the current system of buy and sell quotes, the likely winners and losers and the impact of the changes on investors large and small.

The threat to Liffe posed by the announcement this week of an alliance between the derivatives bourses in France, Germany and Switzerland was a timely reminder that London's position as the same price. If there is an offer to sell 50,000, Rawlins. financial centre of Europe is far from

The danger is not just in futures and optioas trading. No one is more aware of the need to fight off the competition than the Stock Exchange, whose system for trading shares is so popular, as one commentator put it recently, that no other exchange has hothered to borrow it.

Indeed, many American funds are deliberately underweight in British stocks because they resent the relatively high cost of trading here and what they perceive to he a clubby, old-school attitude that deliberately sets out to exclude outsiders.

As part of a hid to ensure that attitude does not drive more business elsewhere, the Exchange will next month push through the most radical change in share trading for 11 years, when the introduction of order-driven computerised dealing will alter the way

bought and sold.

The shake-up has been called Big Bang

2, and rightly so - the revolution is likely to be as far-reaching as its predecessor in 1986 when floor trading was abolished in favour of a screen-based version of the old jobbing system.

From 20 October, trading in Britain's largest 100 shares will switch from the Excompletely automated order-driven model used by many European bourses. The new system. Sets, will replace the current regime where market-makers quote investors firm prices at which they will buy and sell shares. Instead, hrokers will input orders directly on to a computer that will

automatically match buy and sell orders. So, for example, an order to buy 100,000 1CI shares will be posted on the screen until it has been matched by sell orders at the the buy order will stay posted until other sell orders for, say, 40,000 and 10,000 shares are placed. The hroker will have no idea who he is dealing with until the transaction is completed.

That may sound like nothing more than a technical difference in the way deals anyone from its introduction. are done, but market players have no doubt that it will radically change the way the City operates and make it much more competitive. One recent report estimated that transactions costs could fall from 0.6 per cent of the value of a deal to just 0.2 per

The chief executive of one large bank's equity dealing division, described the introduction of order-driven trading as "the biggest change since Big Bang - it will lead to a sea change in working practices among firms and their clients."

It is also likely to boost volumes sub-

Britain's largest and most liquid stocks are stantially as the scope for automated programme trading is explored.

To begin with the new system will apply only to the largest shares, but there are plans to roll it out to include the next 250 higgest stocks and beyond.

Even restricted to the FTSE100 index, the new system could apply to the lion's share of dealing in London.

The fact that the Exchange has reached change's Seaq quote-driven system to the final testing for the new system at all is an achievement that many would have bet against only recently. After a series of recent fiascos, the success of Sets is crucial to the credibility of a City institution that has been the object of more than its share of ridicule over the years.

The collapse of the Taurus paperless trading project showed how fraught with problems large computer systems of this kind can be. That debacle cost the joh of the Exchange's then chief executive, Peter

His successor, Michael Lawrence, fared no better, brought down by the abrasive manner in which he tried to push through the early stages of the order-driven project against the wishes of the City's powerful market-makers who stand to lose more than

Bringing the likes of Merrill Lynch. BZW and Nat West Markets on board is actually the biggest achievement of Gavin Casey, the current chief executive. There may be rumblings about the desirability of order-driven trading, but all the big players accepted long ago its inevitability.

It is easy to see why the market-makers should be ambivalent about the new regime. Fund managers are unlikely to be willing to pay large commissions to brokers, whose sole function now is to input a me- as they do when they sell large blocks of chanical order on a computer keyboard. They will demand hargain basement deal-





New for old: Electronic trading (left) takes the Exchange another step away from traditional trading on the floor (right). Although the changes are not being universally welcomed, the new system strengthen's London's position

ing commissions for simple deals and if institutions turn to the new system in large numbers because it turns out to be much cheaper, it could leave many dealers with-

That doomsday scenario is by no means certain, however, because order-driven trading has its limitations and it is still not certain how many investors will choose to use it. About 50 per cent of bargains would put London on a par with overseas electronie exchanges.

Its main drawback is that it does not allow fund managers to offload risk entirely shares to market-makers. Because their by the bigger players who increasingly are whole order is posted on the screen, buy-

ers can in effect see them coming and there is a danger the price could move against them. Many investors will choose to have their larger deals worked for them off-market by their broker.

Others unlikely to welcome the changes with open arms include small private investors, who could find themselves paying extra for small deals, which the new system won't accommodate.

Sets will only deal in lots of 1,000 or more (500 for stocks costing more than 500p be more secure as a result. each). That will also hit smaller brokers: much of the low margin retail business will simply be clumped together and dealt with expected to dominate the market.

Stock Exchange members are taking the new system extremely seriously, spending millions of pounds installing new systems. Datastream/ICV has been successful selling off-the-peg systems to smaller players, while RoyalBlue, which floated recently, has been the preferred choice of some larger players who have required tailor-made software for their more complex needs.

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What is now certain is that the system will go ahead and London's position will

Once people have got used to working with the technology rather than against it the changes brought by electronic trading could be more explosive than Big Bang

PEOPLE & **BUSINESS**



Nice to see that entrepreneurs are not driven solely by money. As well as the chance to hecome multi-millionaires, managements having out their companies have the chance to win the Cartier "venturer of the year" award.

This year's lucky recipient is Julian Blogh, a 53-year-old Irishman with a string of academic qualifications ranging from Russian to radar.

Once a toiler at TI, he saw the possibilities for the defence business he was running. . out when it was put up for sale.

signed from the engineering group and organised his own buy-out with backing from Phildrew Ventures.

The rest is rather predictable. The company, Ultra Electronics, quadrupled in size, profits rose more than 16 times and a year ago the group floated on the stock market capitalised at over £160m, only to see the shares rise a further 25 per cent since.

But it was not his ability to make pots of money that won Mr Blogh the award (a Cartibut was blocked from buying it er Pasha watch and a Cartier pen). Rather the judges were

Interest Rates

contribution to the economy, employment, innovation", plus bis sound finaocial performance, return to backers and "overall consistency". It just goes to show that entrepreneurs are all heart really.

Dick Saunders, press secretary to Norman Lamont when the pound was kicked out of the ERM and the Chancellor sang in his bath, is on the move again. He is leaving Labour peer Lord Hollick's United News and Media to become a director of Anthony Cardew's eponymous upper-crust PR

parting of the ways, however, since Cardew & Co already handled the United account.

"Dick brings a wealth of expertise and a new perspective to Cardew & Co," says Anthony Carden, the cigar-puffing chairman. You could say that. Whereas Mr Cardew is to be found as often as not in his early morning bath at the Reform Club. Mr Saunders graduated from Trinity College Cambridge with an athletics hine to match his double first in mathematics.

At last the puff of white smoke

world of corporate governance has been waiting for. Sir Christopher Harding

has been given the unenviable job of chairing GEC's remuoeration committee. In his other job as non-executive chairman of insurance group Legal & General, Sir Christopher took home £120,000 last year -- modest by the standards of GEC's £2m-a-year managing director George Simpson. Sir Christopher was already serving on the committee so had a hand in the super-optioos scheme which so enraged institutional shareholders at the

the burden of chairing the committee produces.

wait to see what effect, if any,

With £6bn of its £56bn under management coming from clients of its operations in Japan, Australia, the US and France, Gartmore bas appointed a bead of its overseas businesses. Chris Russell is to join Garamore in November from Jardine Fleming in Hong Kong and will report to Andrew Brown; joint chief executive. ...

Anthony Nelson, former Minister of State for Trade and In-

to the Treasury, has bounced back from the Tory drubbing in May. From October, Mr Nelson, 49, will be managing director of European investment banking at Salomon Brothers, where he is expected to oversee the US bank's expansion on the Contineot. Mr Nelson was an MP for 23 years before retiring at 3 the last election to "resume his business career". Before that be worked at NM Rothschild. He was at pales yesterday to point out that the Advisory Committee oo Business Appointments had given the green light to bis appointment. A chap's got to be

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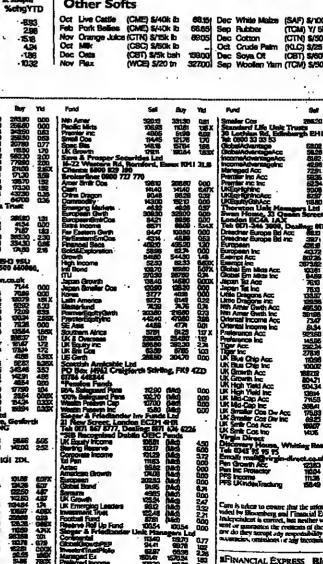
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RUGBY LEAGUE

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Bradford Bulls. Edwards' man-

ager, John Fitzpatrick, said ves-

terday that "there is interest nn

both sides" in taking the former

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scrum-half to Odsal.

Injury forces a sudden end to Eddery's season

Just five days after riding Anyone who witnessed Pat Ed both that pair, Eddery was not the 4,000th winner of his career in the St Leger. the champion jockey, Pat Eddery, has had to give up riding for the rest of the season because of a back injury. His absence raises the intriguing waspect of whether Kieren Fallon will be reinstated on board the champion filly Bosra

dery pushing and cajoling Silver Patriarch to victory in last Saturday's St Leger would scarcely believe that the jockey was in pain and had been for ridden 116 winners. Anyone who saw the determination in that ride will know, though, that meeting of 1998 in March. Eddery, despite his 45 years, will be back in the saddle next year.

Eddery is out for the rest of this season, though, and must thus relinquish his champion Frankie Dettori without a fight. In truth, barring accidents to

going to make up the 40 winners that separated him from Fallon on the leader board.

Eddery's back problem dates back to a ride at Nottingham in most of a season in which he has April. He will undergo an operation in the winter but intends to be fit for the opening turf

"I saw the doctor this morning and he said I have got to have an operation," Eddery said yesterday. "I damaged a disc and the problem has been there jockey's title to Kieren Fallon or for a long time. It's not painful when I ride but there are some good days and some bad days.

James Tollar continues in fine form - March Star was another witner for him at Yarmouti

James Toller continues in fine form — March Star was another winner for him at Yarmouth on Wednesday — and he has not dequised his high opinion of DUCK ROW, who is in the same ownership as the street Teapor Row, who won on his debut at 14-1 in siding with the son of Diesis the hope is the ground lant too fisst for him. Glory Of Grosvenor is in all the too praces and the satisfax newborner Distart Minage ran well here yesterday. The dam Abury was markly disappointing, but Glory Of Grosvenor is aure to go close and he gets the vote from our Lambourn man over Paul Coles very easy soft-ground York winner Evening World. Carlet Assuminos, threshod by Setteen at Ascot, is out to boost the unbesten Riy Bellin, who best him in the Westingson Singer hers, it is should be sused by the extra turtong and his form was made to look better when City Honours (fourth to Behr) won at Doncaster next time. Blueprint comes from a cacking family and will improve on his debut here behind Methods, though he cannot best Colet Assurance on a line twough Probe, second to Methods and then pipped by City Honours at Doncaster.

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MYSTIC fits the bit nicety. Brighton would have been too sharp for her test time and her
earlier head deshed by Keopasiae at Salisbury puts her baung in the putture for this, Stamins will be no problem for Duncombe Hell, winner of a two-misr from Red Raja at Foliosione this month and below form behind Storaid insculate at Notingham on Monday.
A feet-our sace suits Stallad, while the pack of the topusigns is Opens Buff, who has
won far an expressible and acced with a stiff test taking on Sheft Of Light at Epsorm last
time. Norsong is at the right and of the weights and is handcapped to confirm his winning Salesbury form with two Socks, while Process Sac can also be faciled to run weil
after his needed comeback attempt at Kempton this month.

Selection: SEEFIAN MYSTIC

4.40 COOPERS & LYBRAND HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 7f 64yds (round) Penelty Value £6,288

5.10 AMERADA MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 3YO 1m (straight) Penalty Value £3,747

FORM GUIDE

John Goeden had Russian Revival spot on here yesterday tollowing a long layoff and MCUSHT HOCLY, who ham't run since his promising second to Marie Done at Kempton in Ney, is fancied to return in similar style. Brigged made his debut in soft ground at York a forright ago and was second to a fair sont in Solar Storm after making the running, the is likely to do better than the filly Ster Geobils, who ran very green when second to Sosphre Lady at Sendown on her debut. Other presents a stable very much in form at the moment.

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come after the Leger - it would have been a big hlow to miss that. I'll be back next season." Eddery's spell oo the side-

lines will prevent him from RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Knobbleeneeze

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teaming up again with Bosra Sham in next month's Champion Stakes at Newmarket. Eddery won the Group One contest on the filly last year and

ter the sacking of Kieren Fallon about the Wafic Said horses. I will following a controversial defeat in the Eclipse Stakes in July.

. Tim Bulwer-Long, racing manager to Bosra Sham's owner. Wafic Said, was at Newbury yesterday, and was one of many startled by Eddery's decision. "I have only just heard and I am devastated about Pat's injury." he said.

Pallon has answered his critics by opening up a lead in the race for the jockeys' title, and when asked if the Irishman would renew his association with Bosra Sham, Bulwer-Long said:

2.40: Proper Blue usually shows

his best form in the autumn and

would be a threat if fit after B four-

month absence. A sounder alter-native is CONON FALLS, 3rd of

day. MILLITRIX was beaten a

have more to say on Saturday when I have spoken to him."

In Eddery's absence Fallon and Detton rode a winner apiece at Newbury, but the Italian suffered a sethack when Swain, who won the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot last time for John Reid, could finish only third to Posidonas and Arabian Story on unsuitably fast ground in the inaugural running of a trial for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at

Dettori was far from de-

"The good thing is that it has was reinstated as her rider af- "It's much too early to talk spondent shout Swain, who lost by two short-heads. "He just got a bit tired in the last furlong." Dettori said, "but that was a good trial for the Arc."

The bookmakers were less impressed and Ladbrokes have eased Swain to 10-1, from 6-1, for Homesickness for the North is Longchamp. The winner is a pulling Shaun Edwards away best-priced 33-I, with William Hill, for the Arc.

The Queen's Arabian Stury may now go for the Melbourne Cup, according to his trainer, Lord Huntingdon, but Clerkenwell who has been well backed for the Australian race, finished last of yesterday's five runners.

Edwards, at almost 31 the most honoured player in the to winners in France and the USA. The stable is in top form and game, moved from Wigan to London at the start of the season, has handsomely rewarded its fol-lowers this past week. The chief danger is likely to be another debuin order to be with his then girlfriend, the singer Heather Small. tant, Glory Of Grosvenor.

"But circumstances change and London have said that they will be good enough to release

him," Fitzpatrick said. London are nnt yet confirming that they have had an approach from the Bulls, who are hoping to link Edwards with Robbie Paul in an intriguing halfback partnership, but they are in-

creasingly resigned to his leaving. "I'm interested in the prospect, because I am pretty homesick," said Edwards, who helped the Broncos to finish second in Super League this season. "If Bradford are interested

in me, it's flattering." Edwards, who was named this week in the Great Britain squad to prepare for the Test series against Australia io November, is in the process of having a knee injury assessed, in the hope that he will be fit to play for London in their World Club Championship match against Cronulls next mooth, if

he has not moved on by then. St Helens could be forced to add Apollo Perelini to their list of absentees for their Premiership semi-final against Castleford tonight. The prop is suffering from a knee injury, while Vila Matautia has broken his arm and will join Saints' other long-term victims and the suspended Bobbie Goulding on the sidelines.

Castleford have added their prop, Dean Sampson, who has been recovering from ankle ligament damage, to their squad. - Dave Hodfield

EQUESTRIANISM

Land Rover to withdraw sponsorship

Equestrian sport has lost a secood major sponsor with yesterday's oews that Land Rover will not be renewing its contract for the World Three-Day Event Rider Rankings when it ex-

pires at the end of December. Earlier this year Volvo, by far the most generous spousor that the horse world has ever had, said that they would not continue to support the world cups for show jumping and dressage after their contract ends in the spring of 1998. All three equestrian disciplines - eventing, show jumping and dressage - could therefore

be feeling the pinch next year. Volvo have contributed around £4m a year and it will he hard to find such riches elsewhere. Land Rover's sponsorship was £250,000 a year but this, too, will be difficult to replace. The total Land Rover input will have amounted to £1.5m over the six years since they introduced the rankings on a global basis, making their presence

felt in more than 20 countries. According to The Infanta Dona Pilar de Borbon, president nf the International Equestrian Federation, the rankings will carry on "well into the future". It remains to be seen whether they can cootinue on the same scale, with prize-money amounting to £95,000 for one global and seveo zonal categories.

Genevieve Murphy

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HUNTINGDON	973	983
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NEWBURY

Sharn, writes John Cobb

4.10 Siberian Mystic 4.40 BLEWBURY HILL (nap) 2.10 Generous Embrace 2.40 Conon Falls 3.10 Millitrix (nb)

3.40 Duck Row GOING: Good to Firm.

STALLS: Straight course - stands side; round course - inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5t to 1m on straight course.

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Course is south-east of town neer A34. Rail station (service from London, Packing-ton) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members £14; Tettersalis £8; Silver Ring £4 (OAPs halt price) Accompanied 17-year-cids or under free all enclosures. CAR PARIC: Free; Picnic area £4 per car plus £5 per person.

LEADING TRAINERS: P Chapple-Hyam — 38 winners from 170 runners gives a success ratio of £2.4%; J Geaden 36 from 140 (25.7%); R Harmon 26 from 445 (5.5%); I Timilan 26 from 427 (2.54%).

J Dunisp 23 from 187 (12.3%).

■ LEADING JOCKEYS: J Raid 57 wins from 306 rides gives a aucoess ratio of 18.6%; L

Dettool 49 from 236 (20.3%); Pet Enderly 3-4 from 304 (11.2%); T Callent 31 from 265 (11.7%).

■ FAYOURITES: 205 wins in 502 races (34.1%). ELINKERED FIRST TIME: Despire 5.10, WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

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[2.10	HMV STORES NURSERY HANDICAP (CLA added 2YO 7f 64yds (round) Penaity Value	SS C) £7,500 e £5,865
1 1	145514	KINGS BRAVE (B) (J K Sim) 8 Mechan 9 0 (Enc)	M Tebbutt 8 B
12	401102	MASTER MAC (USA) (25) (D) (BF) (C Parker) R Akehurai 97	_P Fitzsimone (7) 9
ļэ	51	BULLION (14) (W.J Gredley) B Fels 98	
4	013	WELCOME SUMSET (51) UR Goddwd, J Whyton 8 D	
5	51		A Reid 5
8	OID	SUMLEY SEEKER (25) (D) (Mrs. J. M. Jayes) M Chemion 6 11	Cettori 1
7	00458	WATER FORCE (7) (BT Attenberough) G Bakting 8 10	_P P Mornby (3) 11
8	164000	BALLET RAMBERT (26) (Mrs. J. Warri) M. Heston-Ellis & D.	
(9	500	DARANG NEWS (65) (C M Harner) R Hannon 88	
10	0540	FROLICKING (17) (D Seft) J Durlop 0 B.	T Speke 17
lπ	010125	ACIO TEST (11) (D) (A.J do Y Patrick) W Mair 8 7	Mortin Dever 16
12	34500	MIGHTY MAGIC (11) (R J Tory) Mrs N Dutfield 8 5	A Clerk
8	9500	SANTA COURT (17) (D & C Hobies) R Diction 8 1	C Restor 10
1 11	232028	UNIVERSAL LADY (10) (Universal Conference Try) C James 0 1	M Heavy (3) 15
1 5	306	FAWNING (17) (James Wattins) M Blanshard 7 10	
l B	81400	ISLAND GIRL (49) (Philip Benileid) D Arbutinot 7 12	M Actorna 12
17	000034	ARGUMENTATIVE (17) (T R Mountarr) 8 Dow 7 10	P Doe (7) 3
160	Married World	shir- 7st 4/life True handleses weight: Arm montation 7st 7th	

Ministry weight: 7st 10th. Time Invalidate weight: Argumentative 7st 7th.

SECTINGS: 4-1 Buffon, 5-1 Generous Embrace, 6-1 Kim'ts Brave, 8-1 Daving News, 10-1 Acid Test,
Ballet Rembert, 11-1 Sonley Seelas, 12-1 Froliching, Mansar Mac, Walcome Sanset, 14-1 Universal Lady, 16-1 Argumentative, Dawning, Santa Court, Water Force, 20-1 others

1996: Bull Paradice 8 8 7 Cuirn 6-1 (P Cols) drawn (1) 2 ran

E-ORIM GUIDE

Coring News is Interesting in this nursy - the cost being the sole survivor from Richard Hennoris five entries. But the main choice is GENEROUS EMBRACE, a daughter of Cadeaux Generous so likely to do even better on this faster ground after her Lingfield claimer (e) win from Just Another Time. Claimed out of Devid Elswarths yeard for \$20,000 by fisched Bell, Generous Embrace has the same pertner (John Reld) and members of her family did well over this trip. Klari's Brave is improving and followed his Bath nursery win with the sole of the Levid A Heard or Concessor. He did have a good draw at Town Mook. did well over this trip. Kim's Brave la improving and followed his Bath nursery win with a fourth of 21 to Lend A Hand at Doncaster. He did have a good draw at Town Moor, though still has a rock-solid chance here even with the big weight, Acid Test, four lengths behind Kim's Brave was short of room and fifth to Cutsourcing at Newmarket. Behind Beach, just two lengths behind him in eventh, enjoys an 1th put end again has Klaren Fallon aboerd. Barry Hills does well in these staying nursaries and Buillon, who was entered for the conditions race at S.D. is a filty who won in great style from second-relates at Haydock. She'll sale some beeting if the copes as well with this basier ground. Masher Nec. Couldn't beet Night Physr at Epsom and that coft was behind Kim's Brave at Concesses. Reg Alekturst pure an approvince up on Mester Mec. which releases Set Sanders or Welcome Sumset, who wants this trip judged on his latest third to Zens at Nottingham. Sunley Seeker, a winner on the sand at Southwell, made no show behind Bobbydazzie and After The Rein at Newcastle - and that pair were others who finished behind Kim's Brave at Doncaster. Frošeking ran bacily at Followone last time. Selection: GEN-EROUS EMBRACE.

	130	JUS EM	TAGE .	
	2	.40	TONY STRATTON SMITH MEMORIAL STAKES (CLASS B) £12,000 1m 2f Pen Value £7,437	BBC2
		503005	AMERICA ALIEEE (25) (C) (O) (A Merzel B Hambury 5 9 0	Pold 4 99
	12545	71.705	CLAN BEN (52) (Angus Dundes Pic) H Cecl 5 9 0 PROPER BLUE (USA) (120) (D) (14 J Leggs) T Mile 40 5	7 Onina 1 118
I	5	1-3033	CONON FALLS (32) (2) Sheith Motermine) J Goeden 0 0 10	M HM 5 110

- 5 deciared -BETTING: 9-4 Conco Felta, 5-2 Crimson Tide, 7-2 Proper Blos, 9-2 Clau Bert, 11-2 Amysis Ajosb

FORM GUIDE

Crimeon Tide, a one-time Derby fancy, can estable tencied over this more suitable trip following two runs over a mile after his layoft. He just failed to find another geer at Epsom a fortright ago when tritid to intiktub – and the second Almustriansh boosted the form with a Group Time win at Doncaster last week. But he has been desponing to carry confidence at short odds. Proper Etter hard reads also May but has a chance on his Listed race win from Multicolouned and Ciffon Fox over this trip at Newmorket last backend. Amraik Ajeeb has been below per of late, though he was tried to Al-Royal in the Earl Of Setton in Agrit. Also, he meets CLAN BEN on 12th better terms compared to their handicap run behind Heintsley Hill at Sendown. Can Ben may not refish test ground but this trip is in his tevour, the was backy drawn over the distance at Goodwood test time). His Sendown hendicap win (tm) looks all the better after Aunty Janes two subsequent withs. Contin Fails had a splint that against Salmon Lodder at Windson fast time. He was found out in the Predominate States after his maken we set distance and may not be his ground. FORM GUIDE

	3.10	POLYGRAM MONSTER SALE STAKES (CLASS B) £10,000 2YO filles 7f Penalty Value £6,192
i	1 1	BILLE GENTIAN (USA) (15) (D) (K Abdullet) R Charlot 0 15 L Debod 4 91
	1 -	ANABEL (USA) (15) (3 Seminoridge) Betring 0 8
		HIS LITROX (16) (Man G A E Smith) M Stoue 0 8 T Centro 1 165 TIYE (15) (Lord Cermanon) R Harmon 8 8 K Fellon 2 —
	5 0	TIME (15) (LOC CETTERNOT) A PARTIED GO

BETTING: 7-4 Hollow Hezs, 2-1 Blas Gentler, 9-4 Millerb, 14-1 Tipe, 18-1 Amsbel
1996: Ebale 8 8 J Reid 7-1 (P Chapple-Hyani drawn (§ 8 ran
PORM GUIDE
Soft ground Salisbury form was reversed on the faster surface at Sandown on Wednesday when Nobi surred over Red Rabbit. Nobi won in great style, thus boosting the prospecte
of Blase Gentlers, who best her hands down on the faster surface at Sandown on Wednesshe was smart. Blue Gentlers now goes on the fast ground conceding 5b to Peter Chapple-Hyania newcomer HOLLOW HAZE, a daughter of Woodman from the family of Genple-Hyania newcomer HOLLOW HAZE, a daughter of Woodman from the family of Genple-Hyania newcomer HOLLOW that on the frome gestops. They weart signified behind
accorded to Plawless with the previously raced Amsbell over six lengths behind her when
recing on the unfavoured side of the course. Plawless ran well next time so Millerb is going to be a big danger. 9ETTING: 9-4 Brigand, 11-4 Mount Holly, 7-2 Challo, 4-1 Star Gerabit, 14-1 Lavez, Llavel, 29-1 Bob Knows, Evidentity, 25-1 Pride Of Narvill, 33-1 others 1996: Threacheadle 8 0 I. Detori 7-1 Just Huntingsbrij drawn (1) 12 nat HAVNES HANSON AND CLARK STAKES DECO

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1996: King Sound O 10 W Ryen 13-8 fav (J Goeden) drawn (\$ 9 rm)

RACING RESULTS

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2.00: 1. KETTLESING (D Holland) 15-2;
2. Patay Cutsyth 14-1; 3. Carol Singer 8-1
12 ran. 9-2 if tays Burn! Yates (tith). Sand-lade (Sh) ½. rik. (M W Essanby, Sheriff Har-lant Tota: 1290; 12170, 1280, 1250, DF: 13430, CSF: 19340, Tho: 19200, After a 19430 CS-19504 the indirect stewards inquiry, placings unalisered 2.30; 1. ARCTIC AIR (K.Osrisy) 8-1; 2. Ser Trail 33-1; 2. Requestor 1-8 tou. 16 ran. 1/4. 5 ; E. Waymes, Layburn) Total: 05.70; 1170, 08.30, 01.00, 07; 082360, CSF; 27862

3.00; 1. HALMAHERA (Marin Dayer) 9-4 tav. 2. Its All Relative 10-1; S. Frier Tuck 10-18 ram. % 1 (1 Seking, Kingschere). Toke: 52-50; \$130, \$330, \$230 DF: \$20.40, \$550. C2311. Trio: D6130. After a stewards' inquity, 3.30; 1. JUST BOB (Dean McKeown) 7-1;

Camioneste 14-1; 3. September 27-1; 2. Camioneste 14-1; 3. September 27-1; 14-1; 4. Gold Edge 15-1, 25 ran. 5-1 hav Goreste 17/, 7-1; 8 Kettlevell, Micideham). Tota: 1860; 1:70, 1260, 960, 2720, DF: 15950, CSF: 183.50 Ticost: 1/25170 Tho: 154.70 NR: Munea Park 259.50 CSF: 253.0. Interest 1, 22.75 2648.70 NF: Mungo Park. 4.00: 1. HEART OF GOLD JA Modicine) 10-1: 2. Royal Crown 7-1: 3. Tension 9-1 10 res., n-4 ter Lifre. 1/4, 2/5. (Miss S Hall. Middleham) Tota: ChiO: 52.40, E2.50 £2.40 DF: 547.40 CSF: E72.67. Thospt CSO3.73 Tho: 2205.80. NF: Victa Romans.

4.20: 1. PHOLMEST (Miss A Elsey) 14-1;
2. Mr Fortywinton 16-1; 3. Flerifields Prince
7-1; 4. Bold Buster 4-1 fm. 20 ran. 1/4, 2
(Miss L. Perrati, Ayr) Toba: 22050; 5220, 5240,
5200; 5.05. DF: 59840 CSF: 521396. Trioset: 51500:0. Trio: 51050.
5.00: 1. DESERT SAND (E.Johnson) 10-1;
2. Ryeffeld 12-1; 3. Marrama's Boy 14-1. 14
Fm. 3-1 jt fars lift Mayac). Thint: 52750;
5480, 5470, 5240. DF: 514600. CSF: 511743.
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Piacepot: £37030. Cussipot: £5080. Place 6: £50758. Place 5: £5513. NEWBURY

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2. 10: 1, DR FONG (K Fellon) 8-1; 2. Distant Milrage 5-4 fav; 3. Mabrik 13-2. 17 ran.

16: 16. Cod. Newmarket, Tota: 5250; 510, 6150; 6280 Dual Forecast: 5720. Computer Straight Forecast: 5756. This: 1900.

2.40: 1. POSEDONAS (F Culm) 9-1; 2. Arablem Story 11-2 3. Sweln 1-2 fax. 5 ran.

Str.-Ind. sti-Ind. (P Cole, Whatcombe). Tota: 5730; 1250, 5190. Dual Forecast: 5920. Computer Straight Forecast: 538.59

3.10: 1. EVERTAGEERFORMANGE (C Puter) 9-1; 2. Deathing Bite 7-1; 3. Boilin Joenne 2-1 fax. 18 ran. 1, 11/2. (M Candy, Warninge). Tota: 50.70; 5230, 5270, 5140. Dual Forecast: 534.10. Computer Straight Forecast: 580.18. This: 151.40.

3.40: 1, RUSSIAN REVIVAL (L. Detori)
8-1; 2, Hidden Headow 11-2; 3. Carstra
Stalls 9-2; 11 nm, 7-2 tay Birt Albaschy, (401)
14, 27.4 (J. Goeden, Normarket), Rote: £780; £220, £170, £170 buri Foresst: £290, Com-puter Streight Foresant: £4520, Thio: £2241, £18: 1, JYUSH (R. Hai) 9-1; 2. Grey Shot 6-1; 3. Go Britanolia 9-1, 10 nm, 3-1 tay Shaft Of Light (Sh) 27.4, 17.4, (E. Durkop, New-market), Totar £770; £290, £200, £240, Dust Foresat: £430, Computer Streight Foresat: £5598, Tricast: £48854, Thio: £4000. 4,40: 1, ARRIVING (M. Herry) 16-1; Z. 3.40: 1. RUSSIAN REVIVAL (L Dettor)

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4.40: 1. ARRIVING (M Herry) 16-1; 2. Sheake 7-1; 3. Yebint El Suffan 14-1; 4. Söver Whiri 20-1 17 ran. 7-4 far Summer Dence Nk, 2. (J-Ha, Lembourn) 16ta; 5680; 230, C250, C250, C380, C380, Dual Forecast: 52200 Computer Sheight Forecast: 57223. Tricest: 515293, Trice 554820. Jackpot: Not won. Port of £37,41173 carried

forward to Newbury today. Placepot: £38480. Quadpot: £3890. Place 6: £32654 Place 5: £226.72. YARMOUTH

2.20: 1. SHARK (O Peers) 16-1; 2. Cloude MB 4-1 fax; 3. Forest Robin 10-1; 4. Tabasco Jazz 14-1 19 rat. 11/4, 1/4, (K Morgen). Tata: 23100: 2840. 2150, 2300. 5420. 57: £15580. CSF: £7873. Thicast: £58549. This: £388.50. NR: Gablessa.

2.60: 1, DOWER HOUSE (W Ryan) 5-4 fee: 2, Phan-B 7-4; 3, Golden 14-1 8 ran, 11/4 (W Jacres) Tota: 1220; C110, C150, C150 3.20: 1. SICK AS A PARRIOT (M Hills) 3-1 it for, 2. Rejoultan 7-1; 3. Collowins 3-1; that 9 ran, 4, 1/4, (C Dayle), Total 23.50; ELSO, 29 ran, 4, 1/4, (C Dayle), Total 23.50; ELSO, 29.50; ELSO, 29.50;

12290.
1. BE WARNED (M Wigham) 7-1;
2. Nezzoranto 7-1; 3. Salte Fectora 12-1;
4. Southern Dominion 5-1 inc. 15 ma. 17;
1/s. (J Perce,) The 17:7/c; 1/50, 1/

982. Placepot: £7250 Creedpot: £3050. Place 6: £13145, Place 5: £4558.

TV TIPS

HYPERION'S

8,31/ lengths behind Salmon Ladlength by Flawless in a faster-run race at Salisbury the same day. Michael Stoute's filly is well bred and can be refed upon to improve. der at Windsor (im 2f) last month. 3.10: Blue Gentian's 2-length Salisbury defeat of Red Rabbit two weeks ago has since been de-

valued by the runner-up finishing lest of five at Sandown on Wednes-

3.40: DUCK RDW is unraced but already has a tell home reputation. A Diesis cott, he is a half-brother

4.10: Gold Blade has an excel-lent chance in an event in which most of the runners are out of form. most of the numers are out of form. He was a good 2nd to Epic Stand, a winner again since, here in July and the Pearce stable had a winner yesterday. But the eight-year-old may just fall to concede the weight to SIBERIAN MYSTIC.

3.30 SHADWELL FIRTH OF CLYDE STAKES (Listed) (CLASS A) £28,000 2YO 6

4.00 FAUCETS FOR MEYNELL HANDICAP (CLASS C) E8,000 added filles 1m 2f EDDN CAPLAND PRINCESS (SI) (0) D Heydh Jones 4 0.0....

1 10021 SWEET CONTRALTO (28) 0 Loder 59 8 ... R Cacharine 6
2 10021 SWEET CONTRALTO (28) 0 Loder 59 8 ... R Cacharine 6
3 400205 STONE FLOMER (3) (2) P Loder 59 8 ... R Cacharine 6
4 10006 BEST OF ALL (41) J Berry 59 1 ... K Darley 2 B
5 221-25 ALMYIB (116) J Durley 59 1 ... K Darley 2 B
6 22505 FANTASTIC: FLAME (25) (0) P Habrin 38 0 ... J Fortanne 12
7 000500 RESEL COUNTY (6) (CO) A Balley 48 12 JR Plenach (5) 11
8 1250 DOLENE ESPRESSO (14) M JUNIARION 3 86 ... Doktabil 7
9 40005 TOPATORI (17) M Tomplene 3 8 6 ... Do Biggs 0 10
9 60340 PEPPPRS (28) K Burley 8 8 4 ... D. Holland 1 11
2 12500 STEP MGD (14) (0) Ms J Remotion 5 0 4 ... JF Egum 18 12
2 22004 WHAT HAPPERED MAS (22) (C) Melandes 38 JR Binland (1) 3 ... 12 declared ... BETTRIC: 3-1 Capitero Paricana, 4-1 Sweet Contralto, 5-1 Allyto, 7-1 Diperiori, 8-1 Femants Elemen Step M Go, 10-1 Stone Flower, 12-1 others

ROBERT WYPER MOTORS HANDI-

4.30 ROBERT WYPER MOTORS HANDICAP (CLASS D) E7,000 2m 1f 105yds
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5.00 WHYTE & MACKAY SPECIAL RESERVE HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 7f THEASURE TOLICH (50) D Nichola 3 9 th "Alex Greenes 4 92 SHELTERING SICY (40) (51) J Durlop 5 9 9. K Durlop 5 54320 WEETMAN'S WEIGH (25) (67) R Hollmond 4 9 5. Million Ch. 12

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HYPERIDN 2.00 Brighstone 2.30 Holy Wine 3.00 King Of The River 3.30 Sapphire Ring 4.00 Step N Go 4.30 Belle Bijou 5.00 Knobbleeneeze

GDING: Good to Soft. GUING: Good to Soft.

STALLS: Straight course - stands side; remainder - cutside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Nano.

Left-hand guloping course.

Course is E of sown on A758. Ayr station (service from Ginescow) im, ADMISSION: Cuts Ptc. Grandstand Ct. CAR PARK: Free.

LEADING TRAINERS: M Johnston - 21 winners from 147 runners (143%). A Balley th-Ot (143%). Min. M Reveloy 5-87 (165%).

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DEADING JOCKETS: K Derley - 37 whe from 178 rides (208%).

J Weaver 25-148 (ES%), J Carroll 17-141 (121%).

FAVOURITES: 163 wins in 457 races (55.7%).

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Thouseheart (400); Chastin (visored, 230); Royal Thunder (visored, 500).

WHATER IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Mythors Michales (500) won

at Sendown on Wednesday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Flow By (230), Likely Story (230), Alloyby (000) Cleasate Line (430) & Shellerthig Sity (500) have been sent 428 miles by J Duniop from Arundel, West Sussier, Tianhagiving (530) sent 421 miles by D Chappell from Pulborough, West Sussier.

2.00 YLADIVAR CLASSIC CLAIMING
STAKES (CLASS D) 25,000 fm 1f
1 04-040 M6HT CTY (AQ D) K Burte 08 D. ... D Helbard 11
2 49000 BREAK THE RULES (B) D Morbit 58 6. ... Alar Greenen 2
3 STOOS RUMBERS GREEN (45) (C) D Morbit 68 R...
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7 020030 TRYING TRIES (16) J Berry 4 3 8 — T E Decream (S) 8
8 20005 CAPTAR MARMALLER (16) J Phreson 4 8 7 — E Johnson 79
9 0007 FLOWER MELER (16) J Herson 4 8 7 — E Johnson 79
10 023802 SCHEIA (25) (D) J Herson 8 8 6 — M Kansandy 12
11 023803 SCHEIA (25) (D) J Herson 8 8 6 — M Kansandy 12
12 00054 CHANSON D'AMOLIR (16) Miss L Perent 3 8 D.J Mickeley (1) 3
12 declared — Bright City, 7-1
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2.30 AON CONSULTING 'DEBRA' NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS C) E10,000 ZYO 1m DISSO PLOWER O'CAMME (25) M W Exterby 9 7G Puritic (5) 13
20051 YAKE A TUPS (26) M Discreto 9 2 J Carroll 16
8880 MAYASKY (8) Mrs J Remarks 8 D J Carroll 15
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BETTING: 8-1 Holy Mins, 5-1 Novisein, 7-1 Flore By, 6-1 Florer O'Carella, 101 Clarity, Midley Place, Date A Turn, 12-) River Beal, Tecanopy, 14-3 others

3.00 ROYAL CALEDONIAN HUNT STAKES (CLASS C) £8,000 added 2YO 7f

06 MR MEYAGE (14) A Bulley 8 12 ... — 8 declared —

- 8 declared -SETTING: 7-4 King Of The River, 11-4 Bergan, 7-2 Confirmation, 6-1 Ho Lang, 8-1 Biozz, 25-1 Mr Miyagi

1998: Duello 5.7 til J Culm 15-2 (M Bershard) drawn (4) 12 nm FORM GUIDE.

Aunty Jane may have been lucky to best Dezide at Donoseter last week, but she still won the Crocker Butteel at Ascat off a handicap rating of 98. Just two lengths behind her at Donoseter stor a slow start was ALL IS FAIR, who could be a snip here off har mark of 83. All is Fair was a promising type at two and that nm at Donoseter will have put her spot on for this Jerrocks, winner of strong handicaps over this trip at Sandown and Goodwood, dich't get the best of runs at Newmarket last time and the 250 drop will be a help. He is all 17 to higher than at Goodwood but rates a threat in the hands of Francise Destort. Roger Charlton runs two here. Waypoint is 3th higher for his course win from Shelbarkg Sky but was beaten only five lengths in the Stevends' Cup. The soft ground found him out at Salebury lest time, in which race Marjaman frainted second to La Modisto. Sword Arm is the other Beckhempton runner - the golding looking beauble with his wire being gained over a mile. Golden Pound was beaten in seven-furlong races last term but cannot be ruled out at hir fine efform in decent aprite at Richard scordwood - the latest last Salurday when only four lengths off Wildwood Flower. Kieren Fallon has torm our cannot be ruled out after fine efforts in decart sprints at Pipon and Goodwood the least lest Seturday when only four lengths of Wildwood Flower. Namer Fallon has the mount, Bearchell would seem to lace a starn test after failing to best Victory Fourn at Follostone lest time, but Princo Lara was very smart over this trip lest year with three wine and from a stable that can get them ready.

HUNTINGDON

to 7-25 (28%)

2.20 YORKSHIRE BANK SELLING HANDI-CAP HURDLE (CLASS G) £2,375 3m 2f

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BLANKERED FRIST TIME: None.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

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I have long held the belief Glamorgan cricket has been patronised by the establishment

It is now almost two weeks since the Surrey coach, Dave Gilbert, offered up a remark that caused no small amount of consternation west of the Severn Bridge and for which he should have been called to account by the cricket authorities.

Upset by Glamorgan's decision to settle for maximum boous points from a draw at The Oval that coosolidated their challenge for the County Championship and put paid in Surrey's aspirations, Gilbert said: "It was outrageous that they gave up the chance fof outright victory] so early. It had all the makings of a great finish. If they are goiog to play like that they can't expect too many favours when we play

If it was only oatural for Gilbert to be disappointed, there was no excuse for remarks made in the full knowledge that Surrey's performance in the match presently taking place at Canterbury would probably be as important to Glamorgan's hopes of becoming champions as the effort called for in their final match against Somerset at

Tauntoo. Far from regretting a pretty ob-vious indiscretion, one that would surely have caused eyebrows to be raised in other sporting circles, Gilbert went even further this week, stating a preference for Kent on the basis of his belief that they have a more positive attitude than the Welsh county.

This suggested that Gilbert, an Australian who will leave Surrey wheo his contract expires at the end of this month, does not always engage his hrain before entering into conversatioo.

Are Surrey - who were without four injured players including their captain, Adam Hollioake, and the England batsman Graham Thorpe - straining every sinew at Canterbury, where they were bowled out for 124 in their first innings yesterday? A question for cricket officialdom is how does it look upon Gilbert's remarks, which if attributed to a football coach in similar circumstances would have led to serious repercussions.

Going back many years, longer than it is comfortable to remember, I have shared with any oumber of compatriots the belief that Glamorgan cricket, which happens to be ooc of the best supported, has been patronised by the establish-

KEN JONES

ment, especially by representatives of that class-conscious domain, the Home Counties.

the appendage "unfashionable", whatever that means, but a view held with some justification in Wales is that far from being familiar with the Severn Bridge toll charges, there are England selectors who are in ignorance of its construction.

There is the case of Steve James, named Cricketer of the Year this week by his fellow professionals, who was passed over for England's winter tour of the West Indies despite being the season's leading run scorer and top of the batting averages. The theory that James' preference for the off-side would be a drawback in the Caribbean does not entirely remove a suspicion of bias.

No Glamorgan crieketer was treated more disgracefully than the gifted opening batsman Gilbert Parkhouse, who suffered from curious selections during the 1950 Ashes series in Australia, losing his. place to a stodgy amateur lefthander, J G Dewes of Middlesex. Alan Jones, who according to many

good judges was better equipped technically to succeed at Test level than many a predecessor, was never called upon again after turning out for England in 1970 against the Rest of the World.

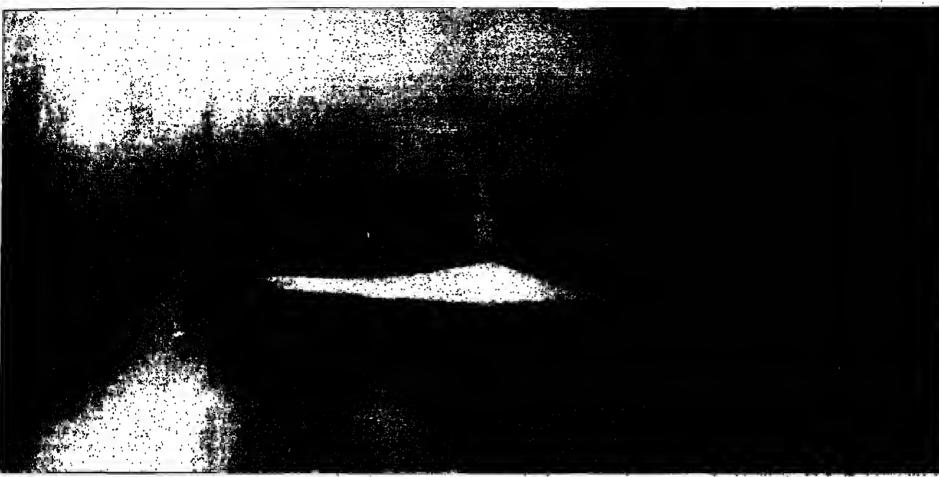
After leading Glamorgan to their econd championship in 1969, Tony Lewis went on to captain England in India, but Glamorgan players have not been given much chance to prove themselves internationally. Two members of today's team, Matthew Maynard and Hugh Morris, were given only a handful of matches.

As a boy in 1948, the seasoo of Glamorgan's first championship, I saw Allan Watkins play in the Fifth Test against Australia at The Oval. A brilliant all-rounder whose catching at short-leg fell into the miraculous category, he was pressed into

service as an opening bowler for a match in which England were dismissed for just 52 in their first innings. Some opportunity!

Later that year, Watkins caught Dudley Nourse brilliantly to win a Test against South Africa in Johannesburg but, predictably, some of you may think, he did not have B long Test career. Apart from Robert Croft, who sppeared m five of the six Tests against Australia and will go with England to the West Indies, hardly any Glamorgan players have been given a proper chance

to prove themselves. It is not often these days that I find myself concerned about the outcome of a sports event, but it will please me no cad if Glamorgan succeed in taking another swipe at the establishment.



ll throws down his marker

After Arrows-Yamaha announced Damon Hill's replacement for next season, the defending champion looked to be without a drive. Now he appears to have found one, writes Derick Allsob from Zeltwig, Austria.

Damon Hill will end a summer of speculation this morning and confirm his move to Jordan next season. Neither party would comment here vesterday as Formula One assembled for Suoday's Austrian Graod Prix, but Jordan said they would be making a statement today regarding their drivers for 1998.

Since they have decided not to appeal against a High Court verdict in favour of Benetton over the services of Giancarlo Fisichella and Hill has oo apparent other optioo, their marriage of convenience seems set.

Hill, who is parting company with Arrows-Yamaha at the eod of the season, rejected an offer from Jordan at the end of last year and rebuffed another approach last mooth. Prost remaioed a possibility, hut wheo the French team pulled out of talks, renewed discussions with Jordan became inevitable.

The world champion had cause to declare himself "relaxed" here last night. He cut his 37th birthday cake, albeit a day late, and savoured the fact that he had been fastest in the

familiarisatioo session for Sunday's race and clearly had a contract in his hack pocket.

He gave a clue to that effect when he said: "It's nice to be able to concentrate oo the driving and really enjoy it. I'm looking forward to getting stuck into this weekend and I'd like to give the team a win for all the hard work they've put in this season."

It would be a win oo a circuit Nigel Mansell would barely recognise. Forget the new facilities and stands, they change all the time. The difference here is that the heart of ooe of the world's great sport-

ing arenas has been ripped out. The Osterreich-Ring was a spectacular circuit, carved into rolling hills and forests. It was worthy of mention in the same breath as Spa. Wheo the old place. The Bosch Curve was an Silverstone was dormant, the Austrian Grand Prix track was the fastest in Formula One. Mansell made his debut here in 1980. Seveo years later, he returned to complete a century of grands prix and won the race. . The world championship has

oot been here since. Oo Sunday, the Austrian Grand Prix is back on the map, hut io a new guise, and the modern generation of drivers, who explored it yesterday, will log it as just another modern

Gone is the sweep round the trees, reducing the length of the track from 5.9 to 4.3km (2.7m). More significantly, gooe also are two super-fast, horseshoe bends which characterised the

County Championship First day of lour, including Sunday;

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8-207 9-221. Bowling: DeFreitzs 27-9-74; Harris 23-7-56-1; Smith 11-4-27-1; Aldred 15-3-50-1; Cassar 61-0-51-2; Clarks 2-0-6-0

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To bet 1 Smith, 1 A Twees, B J Spendove,
M E Cesser, V P Clarks, *P A J De Preites,
P Aldred, S J Lecey, A J Hente,
Bowling (to date): Silverwood 03-0-0-0.
Umphres: A Clarkson and 0 J Constant

CHELMSFORD: Middlesex (4pts), with nink first-insings wickets standing, are 241 runs behind Essex (2).

Total (84 overs) 271 FeB: 1-18 2-29 3-51 4-63 5-63 8-17 7-137

Extras (Ib2 nb4)

DERBYSHIRE - First Innings K.J. Bernett not out IK.M. Krikken not out

Essex y Middlesex

winner at Monza 12 days ago, intimidating challenge on B par with Eau Rouge. Now it is Monaco with barriers." Michael Schumacher of Ferjust another right-hander. And the Osterreich-Ring is just an-

but the A1-Ring, in deference to the sponsor. The old circuit had been under pressure to make alterations even before that August weekend, a decade ago. Then, in practice, Stefan Johanssoo was fortunate to suffer nothing worse than shock after hitting a deer at 150mph.

other circuit. Except that it is

no longer the Osterreich-Ring.

Drivers are now resigned to racing on new circuits that are much the same as the next, tight, twisting concoctions that offer little opportunity for overtaking. David Coulthard,

says of the A1-Ring: "It is like

rari, who heads the championship by 10 points from Jacques Villeneuve of Williams-Renault, will be content enough if it is like MODROO With Taint Oo Sunday.

AUSTRIAN GRAND PRIX (Zetturig, Sunday)
Unofficial practice Brase: 7 O Hil (68) Arrows-frames a trin 2.553esc; 2 R Bernfardto (8) Stewart-Ford 1:12.505; 3 J Magnussen
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DeFreitas delivers blow to Yorkshire

Mike Carey reports from Derby Yorkshire 267 Derbyshire 0-0

The ball moved around all day

here yesterday and that was enough for Derbyshire, even without Dominic Cork and Devon Malcolm, to make Yorkshire work harder than they perhaps expected to reach a serviceable total that owed much to their lower order.

Cork's absence was due to a dislocated finger and Malcolm stood down, ostensibly to allow Trevor Smith, a 20-year-old medium-fast bowler from the respected Sandiacre Town club, to make his Championship debut. Malcolm has yet to sign acootract for next year, which may or may not be significant after the troubled season Derbyshire have had.

David, Byas probably felt. that batting would be straightforward on a cloudless morning. but at 10.30am Phil DeFreitas' loosener was a "jaffa" which bounced and left Anthony Mc-Grath stranded. Encouraged, DeFreitas bowled superbly and it took Yorkshire some time to locate the middle of the bat.

With any oumber of deliveries finding the edge, there was some irony when DeFreitas had Michael Vaughan caught at cover by Smith and McGrath, who had been dropped at slips off Andy Harris, found his luck running out when he failed to ohtain a third for a stroke through the covers.

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Byas immediately planted his right leg down the pitch, which suggested the bowlers might have trouble against left." handers, wherenpoo DeFreitas disposed of two in one over: Darren Lehmann bowled by a slower inswinger which just dislodged B bail and Alex Morris. lbw when getting well forward but offering no stroke. That gave. DeFreitas 3 for 2 in 15 balls.

When Bradley Parker weot after a wide outswinger from Smith, Karl Krikken held the resulting thin edge a long way, to his right and at 58 for 5 Byas. and Richard Blakey had to, summon all their resilience in a partnership of 118.

At this stage, some of the bowling lost its discipline, yet this probably cootributed to the downfall of both batsmen; Byas. was caught oo the loog-leg boundary and Blakey mistimed something resembling a leg-stump half-volley.

Hick hits double century

Graeme Hick, omitted from both England tour parties this winter, yesterday took advantage of an easy-paced wicket and a Hampshire attack, which included two debutants, to hit an unbeateo 253 as Worcestershire reached 428 for 2 oo the first day at Southampton.

Hick, whose innings lasted just over six bours, and his captain, Tom Moody, who was 120 not out, put on 328 for the third wicket, beating a county record which had stood for 35 years.

LEICESTERSHIRE - First tonlings V J Wells tow b Brown O L Maddy a Speight b Betts J Sutciffe low b Betts

J Whiteler b Betts
Smith c Boiling b Welker
Couldn't Betts

Ashley Cowan, whose potential as a strike bowler has

won him a place on the tour to the West Indies, confirmed himself as more than a useful

batsman at Chelmsford. Coming in st No 10, he rescued Essex with a career-best 77 to guide them to 271 all out against Middlesex, who were 30 for I in reply at close.

Meanwhile, Mike Gatting is willing to take over as coach of Middlesex in a year's time. Gatting has made his pledge in the wake of Doo Bennett's decisioo to retire following 47 years on the Lord's staff as player and coach.

To bet: P A Cottey R O 2 Croft, †A O Shew; S O Thomas, Warper Younks, S L Watton, D A Cosker.



CRICKET SCOREBOARD Britannic Assurance

MRDOLESEX - First Innings
"M R Rampreleish not out
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R L Johnson not out
Edras (rb2) or 1, 11.5 overs) To bath M W Gating, O A Shah, HK R Brown, O C Neath, T F Bloomfield, J P Hewitt, A R C Preset, P C R Tutnell. O C Preset, I P DOORSEG, J P Newst, A P C Preset, P C R Tufnell Bowfing (to darb): Rott 6-2-12-0; Cower 4-0-10-0; D R Lew 15-0-8-1. Umpkrest N T Plevin and R Palmer. Gloucestershire v Lancashire Kent v Surrey BRISTOL: Lanceshire (4pts), with eight first-innings wickets standing, are 236 runs behind Gloucester (2). M Is N Windows RW b Austin
TH C Heacock c Fei-brother b Austin
RI Darrison c Craviley b Shadlord
S Young c Wationson b Chappie
M W Aleyne C Rathourse b Austin
TR C Russel b Keedy
M C J Bell c Shadlord b Chappie
R P Daris RW b Shadlord b Chappie
J Levis Rw b Keedy
J A M Shrift not see Bowling: Chappie 22-4-50-2; Austin 22-9-44-4; Shadlord 7-0-50-2; Watterson 18-7-40-LANCASHIRE - First Imalage NT Wood c Bell b Smith Talt: 1-22 2-24.
To bast J P Crawley, N H Peirbrother, M E Harvey, M Weldmoon, I D Austin, TW K Hogg, G Chappie, O Keedy.
Bowling To date): Smith 58:2-7-2; Lewie 5-0-19-0.
Unspireer J O Bond and S J Mayer. Hampshire v Worcestershire SOUTHAMPTON: Worcesterable (40ts) are 428 for 5 in their first kindage against Hampshire (0). Morcestershire won loss WORCESTERSHIRE - First Instinge W P C Weston c Hayden to Renshaw K R Spiring low b Udal G A Hick not out Leicestershire v Durham LEICESTER: Dustern (4pts), with first-invings wickets standing, are runs behind Lalcesterstine (2).

To bet: G R Haynes, D A Leatherdale, R J Chapman, 15 J Rhodes, S R Lampit, R K Brightoffin, A Sheriyat. Bowling (to data): Renatew 26-3-68-1; Francis 11-1-91-0; Hansen 16-5-47-0; Udal 24-49-4; Supplement 5-1-65-0; White S-0-12-07-12-0; Whiteler S-1-42-0; White S-0-12-O HAMPSHIRE: J. B. Lainer, M. L. Hayden, G. W. Whita, P.R. Whitalion, W. S. Kendell, "J. P. Stephenson, 1/A. N. Aymes, S. O. Udel, S. J. Reinsteiner, T. M. Hanner, B. R. G. Prancia, Umplines: J. H. Hampehire and R. Julier. CANTERSURY: Kent (Spts), with one first landing, are 93 runs ahead of Scarcy (4).

R M Arrish 5 Fleming 4 Extres (14 56 w2 nbt0) 24 Fots (27 overs) 124 Fots 1-9 2-9 3-22 4-29 5-29 6-40 7-18 8-101 9-105 Bowling: Igglanden 10-4-17-2; Thompson 5-1-53-4; Estrem 5-0-28-1; Phillips 2-0-19-2-1-2-19-19-19-1 wg 20-15-1 5-273 9-273, Bowling to date; Lawe 6-0-64-1; Holiceles 75-5-63-3; Bergeron 16-3-43-1; Butcher 16-6-24-3; Patchife 3-0-19-0; Archin 12-6-21-1, Unspires: 7 E Jesty and A G T Whitehead.

ing 1-0-4-0.

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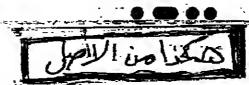
Extras (156 w4)

Total (first 4-15 central) Extract (105 w4) 9.9 95 10tal (for 4, 15 overs) 65 Fall: 1-8 2-34 3-50 4-59. To bet: J Wood, M M Betts, J Bolling, 3 J Brown, A Welfer, Boerling (to detail: Minus-0-20-1; Ormand 4-0-13-0; Detin 5-1-12-2; Wells 4-0-15-1. Unspirest V A Holder and O R Shephard. Somerset v Glamorgan TAUNTON: Giamorgim (40ts), with eight first-innings wickets standing, are 93 runs behind Somerset (2). Glamorgan wort toss SOMERSET - First Innings †R J Turner c Thomas b Watkin turns b Wager
O Bowler c Morrie b Weldin
O Ross Ibw b Coster
Caddick c Croft b Coster '9-251. Ing: Wholer 12-5-41-4; Whitein 12-4-2-61-orner 16-4-53-0; Coster 14-3-42-2; Croft GLAMORGAN - First Innings S.P. James Ibw b Caddick

Bowling (to date): Caddick 14-4-53-2; State 7-9-24-0; Rose 9-7-38-0; Trott 2-01; 21-0; Burns 3-0-21-0; Umplreas: G Sharp and P Wiley. ssex v Nottinghamshire HOVE Nottinghamshire (3pts) are 337 for 8 in their first innings against Sus-shire won toss G E Welton Ibw b Kirtley 95,
P Johnson c Moores b Kirtley 95,
P A Pollerd Ibw b Jervis 95,
U Afzest not out 26,
WM Noon not out 5
Extras (Not v2 hb2) 30
Total (for 5, 104 overs) 337Falt 1-0 2-169 3-189 4-257 6-327.
To bat: A T Betes, P J France, K P Evens,
A R Oram.
Bowling (to destate Value 95) A n Cram.

Bowling (to date): Kirtley 2: 4-60-3;
Jarvis 16-2-62-1; Robinson 22-1-74-0; Martin-Jenkins 9-2-34-0; Betes 26-5-70-1; K.
Nawell 8-1-21-0; Carpenter 2-2-0-0. Newell 8-1-21-0; Carpenter 2-2-0-0. SUSSEC: "TP Moores, M T E Peirce, N S¹ Taylor, M Newell, K Newell, J R Carpontac, R S C Martin-Jenidrs, P W Jarvis, J J Bates; M A Robinson, R J Kitchen and K E Palmer."

Warwickshire y Northants EDGBASTON: Northematonehire (1pt) are 215 for 5 in their first innings against Warwickshire (2). Nonhamptonshire won loss To bath 10 Ripley, M.K. Develle, J.P. Rayus, J.F. Brown.
J.F. Brown.
Bowling. (to data): Welch. 13-7-26-01Brown 11-3-29-2; Giles 32-13-44-1; Bell 1603-46-1; Smith 19-3-56-0.
Wagh, O.L. Hormo, O.P. Catler, T.L. Permey,
O.R. Brown, N.M.K. Smith, G. Welch, A.R.
Giles, 1K.J. Piper, M.A.V. Bell.
Umphres: A.A. Jones and J.C. Balderstone.



FOOTBALL

Pearce completes West Ham move

West Ham yesterday signed mands, so the international the Blackburn defender Ian Pearce for £2.3m - and his first task will be to mark Newcastle's Champions' League hat-trick hero, Faustino Asprilla.

Newcastle travel in Uptnn Park tomorrow, wheo Pearce, 23, will make his debut alongside Rio Ferdinand and David Unsworth. He replaces Marc Rieper, who left West Ham for Celtic for £1.4m a week ago.

"It's a dream to come to a elub with such a fine tradition. They have made a good start to the season and should be looking towards a place in Europe," Pearce, a Hammers fan as a boy, said. West Ham have oow dropped their interest in Nottingham Forest's Colin Cooper.

Michael Madar left Bolton

Michael Madar Ien Bondar Isst night to embark oo talks with Tottenham. The Frenchman walked out of a meeting after Wanderers started haggling over terms.

Madar, a free agent, wanted £10,000 a week, a complementary car and a free house, but Bolton refused his de-

The Sheffield Wednesday man-

ager David Pleat believes he will

learn a lot about his players in

two weeks' time after Grimsby

taught the Premiership strug-

glers a simple football lesson.

The memory of last Janu-

arv's 7-1 hammering in the FA

'. Cup third round was erased as

"Wednesday apart in their 2-0

Coca-Cola Cup second round

first leg win at Blundell Park on

The Owls' confidence is

now about as low as their-

league position as goals from

Paul Groves and Steve Living-

stone helped bridge the gulf in

status and bely Grimsby's 20th

place in the Second Division.

Groves had hit the opener in

Wednesday,

Van Buckley's skilful side took

striker, who plays for the Spanish side Deportivo La Coruña, travelled to London. Madar is willing to train with Tottenham today.

Everton's young centre-half Richard Dunne could be the unlikely key to a £7m deal for Fabrizin Ravanelli.

Dunne is wanted by Middlesbrough along with Graham Stuart and cash for the unsertled Italian, but Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, is reluctant to lose the youngster.

Everton were given permission to speak to Ravanelli by Middlesbrough yesterday as the First Division club try to speed up the deal, although the striker will have to drop his wage demands to resurrect the move. He has already hinted that he would take a pay cut to go back to Italy - but Milan, who had been linked with a move for the Italian international - were unwilling to pay the transfer fee sought by Bryan Robson's side.

Matt Le Tissier could give Southampton a boost by re-

the 17th minute was so great

they should have added more

than Livingstone's 52nd minute

18-yard strike to take back to

Hillsborough for the return

of a job oo our hands to turn

this round and I will see what

character the players have. It

would be wrong to publicly

criticise any nf them other than

to say they didn't command the

authority they should have. We

expected a hard game and were

disappointed to lose, but we de-

did well after they scored. They

played well as a group where-

as we didn't. We were sloppy

"Credit to Grimsby as they

Pleat said: "We have a hell

Bad Wednesday for Pleat

leg in two weeks.

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gressive all round."

Happy days are back at last for Halifax Town

Town's dumination after Joes. We must be more ag-

NON-LEAGUE NOTEBOOK

turning to Premiership action against Liverpool tomorrow.

Le Tissier missed the club's first six games of the new campaign after breaking his arm in pre-seasoo training, but he made a goal-scoring 75-minute appearance for Southampton reserves at Watford on Wednesday and may well be brought on to the bench ahead of schedule.

Leicester City have initiated an investigation after complaints from supporters travelling by coach to their Ucfa Cup ne with Atletico Madrid. Seven hundred fans in 14 coaches left Filbert Street for Spain as part of an official cloh party, but the 36-hour journey was described as "hell on wheels". Leicester have. arranged a meeting at the ground tomorrow morning for supporters to air their views

The Celne and Scotland striker Darren Jackson is due to resume light training on Monday - only three weeks after undergoing an operation to remove excess fluid from his

Buckley was clearly thrilled

by the night's events, but knows

the job. He said: "We will go to

Sheffield in two weeks to do

ourselves justice, which is some-

thing we certainly did in this

mance and also a footballing

performance, which was im-

portant to me. The passing

was good, all departments of

the team functioned very well

and played competitively and

they supported each other too.

with their efforts as they did the

club proud," the Grimsby man-

ager added, "but I wnn't think

about Hillsborough until the tie

comes round,"

The players can be pleased

"It was a terrifie perfor-

-- Alan Nixon



Gillespie's revival rouses Newcastle

Against Barcelona Newcastle United benefited not only from Faustino Asprilla's superb finishing but also from the return to form of their speedy winger, Keith Gillesple. there is still a lot of hard work Glenn Moore reports. ahead if his side are to complete

> Newcastle woke yesterday to a thousand hangovers but the groans were dispelled as soon as the memories came back. It was true, the Toon really had laid waste to Barcelona.

> For a region so passionate about their football there is a Int of self-doubt in Newcastle. It was not just Kevin Keegan who was scarred by the 1995-96 champinuship collapse, the players and fans were, too. That was evident during

to claw hack the 3-0 deficit on Wednesday night. The home players backed the ball anywhere, inviting further pressure upon themselves, while the fans alternately chewed nails and whistled for time.

If Barcelona had levelled the ne, and Christophe Dugarry had a good chance to do so, the damage would have gone beyond the loss of two Champions' League points. Newcastle would have plunged into further introspection and the doubts would have intensified. Instead, they will remember the scintillating opening hour, not the nervous last 30 minutes.

The game will always be remembered for Faustino Asprilla's hat-trick, but another player will also take strength from Wednesday night, Keith Gillespie, the "makeweight" in the Andy Cole transfer, has had a difficult 18 months. Tabloid Barcelona's spirited attempt revelations about his private life portant game of our careers: it

sistency on the pitch. This last month his undoubted ability has re-emerged. He has been outstanding against two international benchmarks, Germany's Christian Ziege, when playing for Northern Ireland, and on Wednesday night Barcelona's Sergi. In both cases, those displays have been hailed as his best for each team.

"Playing well against Germany did lift my confidence," he said yesterday. "I was simply pleased to be in against Barcelona, you never know if you are going to be playing or not. I have been inconsistent; two years ago, when I was on one wing and David Ginola on the nther, was probably my

best period. "The onus was on me to provide the service to the front two and it was a lift to play well. For many of us it was the most im-

have been mirrored by incon- . is not every day you play Barcelona in the Champions'

There was a great atmosphere. We all worked hard. The way we closed them down was fantastic, we never gave them time to settle. At 3-0, they seemed dead and buried, you have to give them credit for coming back."

The Ulsterman has long heen noted for his pace. What also impressed on Wednesday was his delivety, the crosses Asprilla scored from were just two of half-a-dozen pin-point balls.

Newcastle now travel in Ukraine to play Dynamo Kiev. the group leaders after their impressive 3-1 win away to PSV Eindhoven, on 1 October, Having played there recently with Nnrthern Ireland, Gillespie may be the only Newcastle player to have been there. "It's going to be a difficult place to

That could come with Sher-

ingham and Solskiaer, but how

United shore up Gary Pallister

is another matter. He looked

Saturday and floundered nn oc-

casions against the quick, in all

senses, Jozef Kozlej in Kosiee.

His near-perpetual back prob-

lems might be flaring and Unit-

ed have nn one of his stature

Second best may not be good enough

ble century

Town have had anything to inder brother and a former celebrate. They have not been promoted from any division since 1969 and have failed to re-. gain their Football League "Mace since being relegated in 31.03 - unlike Lincoln, Darlington and Colchester, who all bounced back within a season

or two of the drop. Now, though, there is reason for optimism at last at The Shay. Tuesday's emphatic 6-1 win over Telford lifted George Mulhall's side to the top of the GM Vauxhall Conference, a point clear of the early-season

leaders. Morecambe. "Everyhody's bubbling," said the club's commercial have pledged to provide op to

Halifax, Barrow and Grimsby full-back. "There's a long way to go but the whole town's talking about the club - which

hasn't happened for years." The Shay was widely regarded as the worst ground in the Football League before Halifax went down in '93, but if the West Yorkshire club manage to regain their League place future opponents may not recongise the stadium.

A agreement has been signed to share the ground with the town's rugby league club, Halifax Blue Sox, while Calderdale District Council manager and press officer, £500,000 to help fund the re-

It is a long time since Halifax Dave Worthington, Frank's development of the stadium. "It will be ready for the rootball League if we finish top," Wnrthington insisted yesterday.

The man making the headlines on the pitch has been Geoff Horsfield, a 23-year-old striker who was with the Shaymen as a junior in their League days, but was released and resurrected his career with Guisèley and Witton Albion in the UniBond League before returning to Halifax.

Horsfield hit three against Telford to follow an earlier hat-trick against Yeovil two weeks ago. With 10 goals in all competitions, he is the leading scorer in the Conference this

-- Rupert Metcalf

Manchester United made the most of their Champions' League trip Slovakia, but they know that sterner tests

A certainty in the aftermath of Manchester United's win in Kosice was that Alex Ferguson's retort that he was not concerned about the result in Turin

lie ahead. Guy Hodgson

could be taken with a mine of salt. The format of the Champions' League means all matches demand attention. The switch to six groups where only the winners are

certain to reach the knock-out phase has ensured that every point, every goal is important. United cannot rely on finishing above Juventus in Group B so missing to date. In the League they have to go all guns blazit has been the goals from miding for the best second place. field that have bailed them In that context a 3-0 win out, on Wednesday it was the

away from nome – aideit agaids newcomers to the Champions' Forced to play Andy Cole as the sole striker, United's Christ-League disrupted by the resignation of their coach - was satmas tree formation placed an isfying. In numerical terms, no emphasis on the full-backs to team achieved better nn their give them width, something travels and only Juventus em-Denis Irwin did to emphanc bellished their goal difference effect, scoring for the first time since the opening match of by more. If United had lost, their prospect of moving last season. Henning Berg then towards Europe's pinnacle killed the contest. would have diminished; now It was, as Ferguson said, a they can meet Juventus at Old "good night" but one that was Trafford on 1 October knowing

not flawless. Cole, who added a victory will pot them in a healthy position to qualify. By then Ryan Giggs, Teddy Sheringham and even Ole Gunnar Solskiaer could be fit Cup a smoother finish will be to provide a cutting thrust that has been the one ingredient

the third in the closing minutes. had another fitful performance, more assured with his touch but still profligate. If United are going to win the European

as a replacement. Had Pallister's shirt pull on Albert Rusnak with the score

at 1-0 been punished with the penalty it deserved, United might have come away from Slovakia with a very different result. "Kosice will learn from this experience," Ferguson said afterwards. Ecough 10 take points off Juventus and Feyenoord in the group matches? The Uoited manager will

face and forced the Egyptian back-wards across the open air court mounted under the Great Pyramids

AUTUMN GRAND SUMO TOURNAMEN

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12th day of 15: Yarreso (µyyo) (won 10 tost
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kyoloutenho (µyyo) (8-6); Kotoryu (8-8) bt
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Kashiyutala (8-6) bt Kyoloushuzan (8-7);
Garyu (2-10) bt Konathia (8-8-4*7); Oalma
(8-4) bt Ilansalesung (5-7); TochMainetoliu (8-8); Ilatanonemi (9-3) bt
Mainetoliu (8-9); Ilatanonemi (9-9); Ilatanon

PRINCESS CUP WOMEN'S TOURNA-MENT (Tokyo): Singles, Second round: K Po (US) bi R Hala (Japan) 3-6 7-6 6-8: Li Fang (Co) bi M-A Verato (Ven) 7-5 8-2; N Zverwa (Bela) bi A Sugyetine (Japan) 6-2 6-3; A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) bi S Asago (Japan) 6-0 6-0. Third round: C Merrinez (Sp) bi Wang Str-ting (Tai) 6-1 6-3.

earnestly hope so.

Sumo

Tennis

Russell sets off on record birdie run

Mark Roe has long since left the Qualifying School far behind. Instead, he has been spending some time at the school of hard knocks, but an opening round of 65 in the Onc2One British Masters here at the Forest of Arden was a velcome return to form.

When play was suspended due to darkness, having earlier been delayed for three hours and five minutes by the morning fog, Roe led by one from Raymond Russell, who was six uoder for nine hotes.

Russell, the former Walker Cup player, hirdied the first eight holes - a feat he dismissed as "hitting a few wedges close and holing a few long putts" before taking a dooble-bogey six at the ninth when he drove into a hazard. His run, one outside the world record, equalled the European mark.

"I wasn't thinking about any records," the Scot said. "I dido't know what it was. I was baving a chat with my caddie about the football last night. 1 just hit a bad shot at the ninth. I hadn't got excited. Any time you have a double bogey you are disappointed."

Roe admitted to an odd feeling when he walked on to the eighth tee, but for a different reason, It was here three years ago, during the pro-am before the English Open, that the former three-time winner was struck on the forehead by a ball hit by a left-handed amateur on the second fairway.

"There is a fence along the tee, but it was big book and came round the edge over the lake," Roe recalled. Roe lost consciousness briefly, went to hospital but tried to play the next day. He lasted nine holes.

"It's difficult when you can see four different halls, and orange spots and yellow stars," he said. "The gentleman wrote in me, a nice letter, saying be made a four on the hole and that he had a super day. I ceremoniously hurned it. It took four months to get over the bad vision and headaches. Then I had a brain scan, which was clear - they couldn't find one."

At the time, Roe was lying fifth in the nrder of merit. He ended the season ninth, his best season, but fell to 126th the next year, during which he went templated suicide.

His life and gulf game happily restared, he needed one thing in produce a low score: a few putts tn drop. "Ynu cannot compete if you do not convert your chances," he added. - Andy Farrell

RUGBY UNION

Call to stamp out violence

The silence emanating from the Heineken Cup boardroom is almost deafening, but one man at least is determined to force the top brass into making some sort of noise. Roger Pickering, the tournament director, vesterday recommended that his superiors take immediate sanctions against Brive and Pontypridd in the wake of last weekend's violent excesses in France.

Pickering was oot only disturbed by the punch-up between the two sides and "sickened" by the bar-room brawl that followed it - three Brive players needed hospital treatment while a similar number of Weishmen were invited to help the police with their inquiries but he was also depressed by incidents in the Pau-Llanelli match, not to mention the Conference tie between Newcastle and Perpignan.

Tom Kiernan and his fellow European Rugby Cup Ltd directors heard evidence from both Brive and Pontypridd in Dublin on Wednesday but failed to agree a course of action. Yesterday, Pickering revealed that a second meeting had been scheduled for Monday.

Pontypridd officials added a bizarre twist by claiming that Brive had made transfer approaches to Dale McIntosh and Phil John, two of the players most implicated in the aftermatch violence - which puts a new perspective on McIntosh's thumbs-up sign to the bome crowd after he had been sent off.

- Chris Hewett

SPORTING DIGEST

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 4 Toronto 3; Miwaskee 8 Beltimore 3; New York Yanksee 5 Detrot 2; Checago White Sox 8 Kansas Cry 4; Cievelund 7 Minnesota 6; Texas 5 Seattle 4; Anshelm 8 Coldand 4 sazue 4; Ananem 2 Certand 4
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Moncinsal 4 Cincomati 1: Houston 8 Pitisburgh
A Atlenta 10 New York Meta 2; San Diego
5 Colorado 4; San Francisco 2 Los Ange-

Basketball

MEN'S EUROLEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP Group B: Spit (Cros) 72 Turk Telecom Advara (Turk) 56. Group D: Teambysism Botogna (II) 80 Alba Berlin (Ger) 73. Cycling

Cycling
TOUR OF SPAIN 12th singe (1425m, Leon
to Alto de El Morradero): 1 Fl Herta (Sp)
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(Banesto): +25ec; 3 F Richard (Swit)
Ceeno +35; 4 P Tonicov (Rus) (Mapa): +40;
5 A Zuolle (Swit) ONCE + min:38. Overall
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(Sp) (Keine +2min 15ec; 4 Y Ledoncis (Fr)
(Gan) 3:27; M Serrano (Sp) Keime 4:02. Cricket

The Australia fast bowler Jeson Gillespie is likely to miss the entire domestic season because of his back injury, the national team coach, Geoff March, said yesterday, He is also expected to miss the home Test series against New Zealand and South Africa during a lengthy rehabilitation from a stress fracture. The Australian Cricket Board (ACB)

The Australian Cricket Board (ACB) meets in Melbourne today with the threat of a players' revolt hamping over its annual general meeting. The Australian Cricketers' Association, the union for first-class cricketers, wants to meet the ACB as soon as possible. The ACA is campaigning for better pay and conditions for its members and also wents a career structure for cricketers.

Football The Blackburn Rovers winger Damien Duff has agreed a new five-year deal with the club.

Crewe have agreed a £150,000 fee with Crystal Palace for the out-of-favour defender Gareth Davies. Milwell have signed Paul Wilkinson from Bernsley for £150,000. The 32-year-old former Middlesbrough striker was surplus to requirements at Oakwelf following the arrives of Ashley Ward from Derby tast week. The world chempions, Brazil, and Argentina have been invited by the irish Footbell Association to play Northem Ireland in Belfast before the World Cup in France nex. year.

In France next year.

Ibrox stadium has been selected as the venue for the final of this seeson's Scottish Coca-Cola Cup, which will be played on 30 November. Although the semi-final ties have still to take place Rangers are already eliminated. The Chaillenge Cup final, between Felidrik and Queen of the South, will be at Prark, Motherwell, on Sunday 2 November.

NAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER: Sen Jose Clash 2 Colorado Rupids 1.

FIFA UNDER-17 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Egypt) Semi-final: Bruzil 4 Germany 0.

Golf

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AMERICAN EXPRESS MENNESSY CUP WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (Cologne) Leading first round scores (GB or in unless steiled): 67 K Peerce (Aud, M Horth (Swe), 71 L Hedrony, D Red. J Mile (Aud), 17 & Combon (Aud), N Fink Aud; W Dicks, 1 A Alfradesor (Swe), 6 Schmitt (F), 73 H Wardsourth, 6 Defongosife (F), F Desse (F), 18 H Wardsourth, 6 Defongosife (F), F Desse (F), A Berg (Swe), 8 Process; 74 S Perror (MZ, L Brooky (MZ), K Crum (Den), 17 Factor (Aud), M-L de Lossed (F), A Nicholas, 3 Leany (Aud), A-M Knight (Aus), L Mente, (SA), V Sermand (Boh), 76 F Febra (Aud), L Lambert (Aud), L Derles, K Mershall, C Lour (SA), P Mounier Lebour (F), L Fairdough, M Heddolin (Swe), M Noch (Ger), K Poppmeler (Aut); A-C Jonesson (Swe), R Carriedo (Sp), M-Loculeson

Hockey David Mathews, with two penalty cor-ner goals, helped England to a 4-1 win against Egypt in their second game of the Junior World Cup at Milton Keynes yestercisy. Jundon world Culf (Million Keynes) Paol A: Spen 3 India 2; Nemerlands 2 Beiglum 2. Pool B: England 4 Egypt 1.

ice hockey Cardiff Devils are appealing against a notice served by environmental health officers ordering them to erect

FOOTBALL RESULTS

WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: European Charaplons' League Group A: Galatasary 0 Bonasia Dormand 1; Spuria Prague 0 Parma II Group B: Koeleo 0 Manchester Litd 3; Juventus 5 Psyencord 1 Group C: Newcastis 3 Berostons 2; PSV Endhoven 1 Dinamo Kav 3 Group II: Ownplean 1 Porto 0; Real Machia 4 Posenborg 1, Group E: Beyen Laverkusen 1 Lieras 0; Sporting Liston 3 Monaco 0, Coas-Cole Cap second round first leg: Simingium 4 Studiport 1; Sacikum 3 Preston C: Grimburg II Group F: Beyer Laverkusen 1 Lieras 0; Sporting Liston 3 Monaco 0, Coas-Cole Cap second round first leg: Simingium 4 Studiport 1; Sacikum 3 Preston C: Grimburg 1 Hactingham Forast 0 Webs 1; Sautherbot 1; Nottingham Forast 0 Victorham 3 Carlete 2. Hationwide Football League Flest Division: Morvich 0 Charleton 4 Sootball League Challenge Cup semi-final: Morton 0 Cuten of the South 2 FA Cup Bart qualifying round register Bedfington Reniers 1 Purecough 2; St Heiens 3 Great Harwood 1; Consett 1 Lancaster 2: Witney 1 Yeord 2. UnitSond League Premier Division: Boston Util 1 Hyde Util 1. Frat Division: Bractord Park Avenus 1 Lincoln Util 1; Ressley 1 Flaton II.

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quarter-final. Any subsequent sus-pension would have ruled him out of next months match with the Sharts, but the Rugby Footbell League disci-plinary contrities decided the dis-missal was sufficient punishment.

from public. The notice was served on the owners of the Devist home ink, Celtic Leisure, after two fairs, one a pregnant woman, were injured during games lest season.

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Peterborough Prates 5 Sough Jobs 5; Candiff Devis 2 Brachell Bees 2: Retiord Tigers 0 Newcastic Cobras 6. Rugby Union Johnny Schuster, released by Helitax Blue Sox yesterday, has signed for Blackheeth and is line for a debut against Fylde on Saturday. Schuster is a close thend of Blackheeth cap-tain, John Gallagher, with whom he played in New Zealand's 1997 World Cup winning team.

Olympic games Heleinid plans to ask the Norwegian town of Lillehammer, which hosted the 1994 Winter Olympics, to join it in a bid to host the 2006 Gernes. played in New ∠ear. Cub winning team. Rugby League

Rugby League
Robbie Beargue, London Broncos' versafile hooker or hall-back, was last night
cleared to play in his sides World Club
Championainip quarter-linel against
Cornula on 5 October. The Australian
was sent off for throwing a punch in
a tackte near the end of Broncos' surprise 58-16 home defeat by Shelfield
Eagles in lest Sunday's Premiership

James Wattana added his name to the sports record books by firing in a maximum break during the Catch China International Super Challenge in Pelding yesterday. The Thai scored his 147 during a 5-4 victory over Pang Wie Guo in the quarter-finals of the \$40,000 invitation event. Wattana's perfect TODAY'S NUMBER

Snooker

The number of players sent off in Wednesday's Argentine Football League Buenos Aires derby between Racing Club and Independiente. Racing Club, who lost 2-0, had four men dismissed and finished the match with only seven players.

run is the first maximum to be con-structed in a major professional tour-nament outside Britain, Wattana, who praviously compiled maximums at both the 1991 World Masters and 1992 British Open, now stands alone in sec-ond place on the all-time list of pro-competition 1475 behind Stephen Hendry, who has tour. CATCH CHINA INTERNATIONAL SU-nals: R O'Sulliven (Eng) bt Guo Hua (Chr) 5-2, J Wattons (Tha) bt Pang We Guo (Chr) 5-4.

Squash

Squash
Rodney Eyias, the Australian world No 2 and president of the Professional Squash Association, has been given an official PSA warning for a "threatening act of intimidation" against Ahmed Barada during their quarter-finel of the AI Ahram International in Egypt last June. Eyias, who plays in the British Superleague for the Surrey dub Lingfield, has never before incurred disciplinary sanctions and would normally be part of the PSA disciplinary board. The incident in question was a confrontation when the 30-year-old Australian slammed his brow into Barada's

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football 7.45 unless sealed NATIONWIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION

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Speedway ELITE LEAGUE; Belle Vuir v King's Lynn (730); Peterborough v Poole (745). PREMIER LEAGUE: Arene Essex v Hull

Basketball BUDWEISER LEAGUE: New Leicetter (730).

Other sports GOLF: British Masters (Forest of Arden): Guardian Insh Women's Open (Dublin). TENNIS: LTA Satelige (Hull).

Grobbelaar and Segers charged by FA with breaches of betting rules

Bruce Grobbelaar and Hans Segers, two of the three footballers cleared of match-fixing at Winchester Crown Court last month, have been charged by the Football Association with breaking its rules

on betting. If found guilty, they could face lifetime bans from the sport. Guy Hodgson reports on the latest twist in a longrunning saga.

No sooner had Bruce Grobbelaar, Han Segers and John Fashanu been found not guilty at Winchester Crown Court, last month than the Football Association asked Sir John Smith, the farmer deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, to investigate the evidence presented in court.

Yesterday's charges by the FA against Grobbelaar and Segers - Fashanu has retired and is, for the moment at least, out of its jurisdiction - were the result of that investigation and followed consultation with the legal representatives of all three

A more serious charge of

match-fixing, levelled at Grobbelaar by the FA in November 1994 and suspended pending the criminal proceedings, has been dropped.

At Winchester the players admitted to being paid for forecasting the results of games, a breach of rules ou betting tightened after the bribes scandal in the 1960s that effectively ended the careers of a number of players, including the England internationals Peter Swan and Tony Kay.

Announcing the decisinn David Davies, the FA's director of public affairs, said: "The players and their clubs - Wolverhampton Wanderers and Oxford

United respectively - have been informed of this decision this morning. They have 14 days to respond.

The FA is also effectively urging world football's governing body, Fifa, to reject an application by Fashanu, the former Wimbledon player, to become an approved agent. "John Fashamı is now outside the game," Davies said. "He has, however, applied for a Fifa licence to operate as an agent. This has been pending while the criminal proceedings

against him were completed. "Sir John has recommended that details of those proceedings are forwarded immediately to Fifa to help them in their consideration of the application." Neither Grobbelaar, 39, who won six championship and three European Cup winners

medals with Liverpool in the 1980s or Segers, 35, formerly with Nnttingham Forest and Wimbledon, is a first-chnice player with his current club and even if the FA imposed smaller bans than a life term, their ages mean that their careers rould be effectively ended.

Nevertheless Grobbelaar is almost certain to play for Oxford against Sheffield United at the Manor Ground tomorrow. The Zimbabwean international signed a month's contract earlier this week as cover for the in-

Oxford secretary Mick Brown said yesterday's developments would not affect Grobbelaar's chances of appearing.

"We have spoken to the FA and there is no problem with him playing," he said. "Until the case is heard we don't know what the result is. He has just been charged, he has not beeo found guilty. And when he gets the hearing I expect it will be outside the month he is here

The decisoo to drop the match-fixing charge against Grobbelaar was inevitable after the verdict at Winchester and his solicitor, David Hewitt,

jured Phil Whitehead and the laid the emphasis on that. "The FA's decision nace and for all vindicates Bruce, whn has consistently denied any involvement in match-fixing," he said.

"With regard to the fresh allegation of assisting in betting nn football matches, l still await full details from the Football Association and will be discussing the matter with Bruce. I anticipate that we will request a personal hearing."

Segers' solicitor, Mel Goldberg, said his client was "very disappointed" by the FA's decisinn and would be seeking a personal hearing. "He feels that he has suffered ennugh over the last two-and-a-half years and has already cleared his name in a court of law."

Betting on the outcome of matches is against FA rules, although many players have admitted to laying wagers nn themselves, most commonly to score the first goal in a particular match. Following the latest trial, senior figures at the FA have become concerned that these innocent bets could turn into the basis for match manipulation.

Sir John Smith's brief was also to consider what recommendations he had about the rules regarding betting and forecasting in football. He is expected to deliver his report ear-

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CRICKET

Pitch report could cost Kent their title chance

Henry Blofeld reports from Canterbury Surrey 124 Kent 217-9

This was a poor pitch for a match which may decide the County Champinnship. Nineteen wickets fell on the first day on what David Gilbert, the Surrey coach, charitably described as a "sporting green top." It was more than that. A nasty bouoce claimed at least four wickets and was uppermost in the batsmen's minds.

It was also of concern to the umpires Trevor Jesty and Alan Whitehead, whn reported the strip - last played on in 1993 for being "underprepared".

The England and Wales Cricket Board pitches consul-Cant, Flairy Brind, will now inspect the wicket this morning. If he finds Kent guilty, they could be docked as many as 25 points - which would confirm Glamorgan as champions without the Welsh county needing to beat Somerset at Tauoton.

John Wright, the Kent coach, said that the groundstaff had chosen "the flattest pitch out there" for the match.

An important side issue to the day's developments was Gilbert's statement on Wednesday that Glamnrgan could expect no favours from Surrey. He claims he was badly misqunted and had meant the exact opposite, namely, that Surrey had every intention of making it as hard as possible for the home

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side. "I was asked straight nut," he said. "Who I would prefer to win the Championship and I said 'Kent'. It was just an honest answer. But to think that means that Surrey wouldn't try against them is absolute rubbish."

Kent, who won the toss and even Glamorgan cannot hlame anyone for that - bowled when conditions were at their hardest and bowled better than Surrey did later on.

In the morning session, when Surrey were bowled out in 27 overs in 130 minutes, the ball swung sharply in a heavy haze and moved all over the place nff the seam, particular-

On this sort of pitch nnly batsmen of real class or those with determination will make runs, Kent's Mark Butcher, whn batted fnr 93 minutes, displayed bags of the second, while Chris Lewis's flair enabled him to produce an exciting cameo, but anthing more, as so often happens with him. Later, Ed Smith and Alan Wells showed what class could do and Mark Ealham revealed a combination

Both couosies are fielding weakened sides. Kent were without the injured Matio McCague and Dean Headley, while Paul Strang has gone home to play for Zimbabwe. Surrey are withnut Graham



Rupesh Amin is bowled by Kent's Matthew Fleming to end Surrey's innings at Canterbury yesterday

Thorpe, Adam Hollioake and Martin Bicknell.

Kent's decision to field first was a formality and before 11 overs had been bowled half the Surrey were nut for 29. Alec Stewart had a nasty lifter he could get on top off and was brilliantly caught at short leg. Otherwise there were some poor strokes by batsmen finding the movement too much for them and whose techniques

were shown to be sketchy. Keot's Julian Thompson, who swung the ball sharply away from the right handers, bowled extremely well for his 4 for 33, although he was lucky when Alistair Brown skied a hook to fine leg.

The home side made hardly the best of starts to their inat the first ball of their innings and was caught at second slip. The sharp bounce caused the second wicket to fall, Trevor Ward heing caught in two minds by one which lifted un-

unexpected bounce then had Kent wickets falling just as

when he was no the back foot expecting a bouncer, while of a ball which lifted from near a length. Wells' fine innings ended when he fell to Lewis pleasantly. A mixture of poor outside the off stump. batting, good bowling and the

After tea, Ealham was admirable, making the only lifty of the day. Ben Phillips made an excellent partner and the put-

Wright in clear over rumpus

The cloud hanging over ian Wright was lifted yesterday when the **England and Arsenal** striker, who has a poor disciplinary record, escaped punishment for an incident at Leicester Nick Dudbury reports.

It was a good day for the socalled bad guys yesterday as lan Wright, Patrick Vieira and Steve Walsh, convinced the Football Association that their confrontation at Filbert Street three weeks ago was onthing more than a little argy-bargy.

Had the FA's disciplinary commission not been persuaded, Wright's long history of misbehaviour could have meant Arsenal losing his services for. 12 matches,

Wright, his team-mate Vieira, and Walsh, the Leicester City captain, had been reported by the referee, Graham Barber, for "adopting aggressive attitudes". The altercation occurred after the final whistle in a Premiership game that had run six minutes over time during which three goals were scored. It ended 3-3. with the numpus overshadowing Gunners' Dennis Bergkamp.

The scenes in which Wright and Walsh squared up to each other were studied by the disciplinary commission for three hours before it decided that, as there were no fisticuffs, a ticking nff for the players and a warning to behave themselves would suffice.

Wright, who had upped his standing in the public eye last week (scoring twice for England against Moldova and breaking Cliff Bastin's Arsenal scoring record), still had every reason to be anxious. In July, he was fined £15,000 for two after-match offences and told that be could expect no sympathy if he appeared. before the FA again in "proven and similar circumstances".

Wright, however, "always knew I had not done anything." and blamed "mass hysteria in the media" for exaggerating the incident. The poacher their praised the gamekeepers. This just shows that you can still get a fair hearing from the FA even when they are under that kind of pressure."

Martin O'Neill, the Leices-ter manager, stood by his view that it had been a "storm in a * tea cup", but the lesson for players was "to get off the field af-

ter a match as soon as possible", Wright, who had been substituted, ran back on to the pitch on the instructions of his itime. ager, Arsène Wenger, who had told him to gn and applaud the Arsenal supporters.

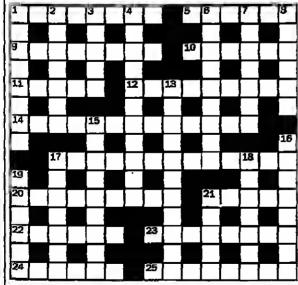
"The PA recognises that nnthing very serious went on." is a bit of time coming here."

Not quite. Pat Rice, Arsenal's assistant manager, lost £500 in fines for making un seemly comments in the referee's dressing-room after being invited there to hear that the players were being reported."

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Surrey's had earlier in the day. Smith received a yorker

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Maynard makes merry as Glamorgan stay focused

Derek Pringle reports from Taunton Somerset 252 Glamorgan 159-2

Taunton was a place of near monastic calm in comparison to Canterbury yesterday, with nary a pitch inspector in sight. At least it was until Matthew Maynard strode to the crease and decided to respond to Somerset's first innings of 252, by launching a hlistering assault every bit as exhilarating as the nne's performed here by Ian Botham and Vivian Richards in the previous decade.

Ontscoring his partner, Hugh Morris, unbeaten on 49, at over two runs to one, Maynard charged to an unbeaten 76 off 71 balls. With the clean tones of his power play ringing out around the ground, all bar Andy Caddick felt the power of his desire to bring the Championship pennant back to Walesfor the first time since 1969.

It was a captain's innings and more; a scruff of the neck response to all the controversy and ire that has been in the air since Surrey's announced their enfeebled side to play Kent, the other Champinnship contenders. With the weather set fair for the next few days, Glamorgan's efforts will be directed towards extracting 24, points (though they probably nnly

need 21) from the 22 yards here at Taunton rather than the goings-oo down in Kent.

Maynard's treatment of the rookie Ben Trott, in particular, was so brutal it verged oo bullying, as the young pace bowler's two overs were despatched for 21 runs, including a mighty pull for six over mid-wicket. It was not all one-way traf-

fic, though, and Somerset, fol-

lowing Caddick's double strike

to remove Steve James and

Adrian Dale, had their chances, spilling a trio of dropped catches, including Maynard nn 70. If they had held them, the chances are they could well have been contesting this game, a position they will now find dif-

such problem with their overseas player. When you have Wagar Younis bowling for you it does not really matter what the rest get up to, and despite bowling under the handicap of Taunton twomy-he had to leave the field in see Messrs Armitage and Shanks after his first spell -Wagar removed the mainstays of

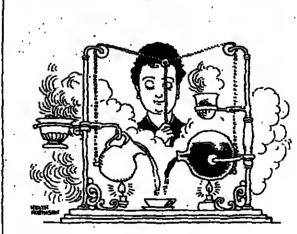
ficult to resurrect without the the services of their inspirational legspinner Mushtaq Ahmed, who failed a fitness test with a recurring sore knee. Fortunately for Glamorgan supporters, their team had no

Somerset's batting in two fiery spells either side of lunch. Had he not been indisposed, the home side would surely not have made the 252 on a pitch that offered early assistance to the seam bowlers, but which had flattened out after tea.

Getting both bounce and movement with the new ball, the Pakistani fast bowler plucked out Piran Holloway's off-stump in the fifth over of the day with a classic outswinger that the lefthander appeared to misjudge as he drove at thin air.

.The same could not be said for Simon Ecclestone, who at least made contact, albeit only thin enough to find Hugh Morris at first slip. With Steve Watkin (3 for 31) picking up Rob Thrner with a termis ball bouncer only the most gullible would try and hit - Turner did and picked out Darren Thomas at long-leg-and Robert Croft winkling out Marcus Trescothick, Waqar was able to operate in short bursts. It proved an effective tactic too and, just as Mark Lathwell and Michael Burns were threatening to put together a telling partnership, Waqar scattered their stumps to finish with 4 for 41.

As has befitted a career that has yet to get beyond the highly promising. Lathwell's dismissal, playing around a gentle inswinger, prought to an end another sweet but unsatisfying cameo. He is a talent in limbo, a claim that was put into perspective after he was outscored by Peter Bowler, a grittier but infinitely less talented batsman.



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